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ONE wonders what are the lowest depths Peking will probe in order to keep their vicious propaganda machine perpetually in operation. An air disaster, which is universally deplored, is seized upon as a subject for what can only be described as fantastic allegations of sabotage by "United States and Chiang Kai-shek agents," coupled with the declaration that the Hongkong authorities are held responsible for negligence in failing to prevent the alleged malicious act.

The history of the flight of the Air India Constellation which crashed into the sea off the coast of Sarawak is interesting, particularly the special action which the Peking government forced Hongkong to take over what was otherwise a normal chartered flight. It was Peking which "discovered" that American and Chinese Nationalist agents had planned to sabotage the plane; it was Peking which insisted that the British Charge d'Affaires should notify the Hongkong authorities accordingly. And, as Government's official statement shows, the most stringent precautions were taken at Kai Tak during the plane's 80-minute stop-over there to prevent anything happening that would prejudice the safety of the plane and its passengers.

WHAT the long Peking tirade fails to mention is whether the same warning of a suspected attempt to sabotage the plane, given to the British Charge d'Affaires, was passed on to the Indian government. As operators of the aircraft, and therefore principally responsible for the safety of the passengers and the machine, Air India would naturally be the most interested party if there was good reason to believe a sabotage attempt had been planned.

It is peculiar, to say the least, that Peking in its endeavours to provide so much circumstantial detail leading up to the disaster, should omit so many pertinent facts. Hongkong's responsibilities were fully and faithfully fulfilled. And nowhere is the "grievous accident" more deplored than here in this Colony, which appreciates the vital necessity of international aircraft operating at all times safely into and out of Hongkong.

KAI Tak's security precautions in the normal way are tight and effective; in this case they were fool-proof enough to compare with anything of the same nature which could be devised by any of the security-conscious Communist countries, including China.

The charges which Peking has made in connection with the air disaster, and the onus which it attempts to place on the Hongkong authorities, are contemptuous in conception and design. Furthermore their propaganda value outside of Communist China is worthless. The allegations made are obviously spurious; so too are the so-called "facts" on which Peking bases its charges.

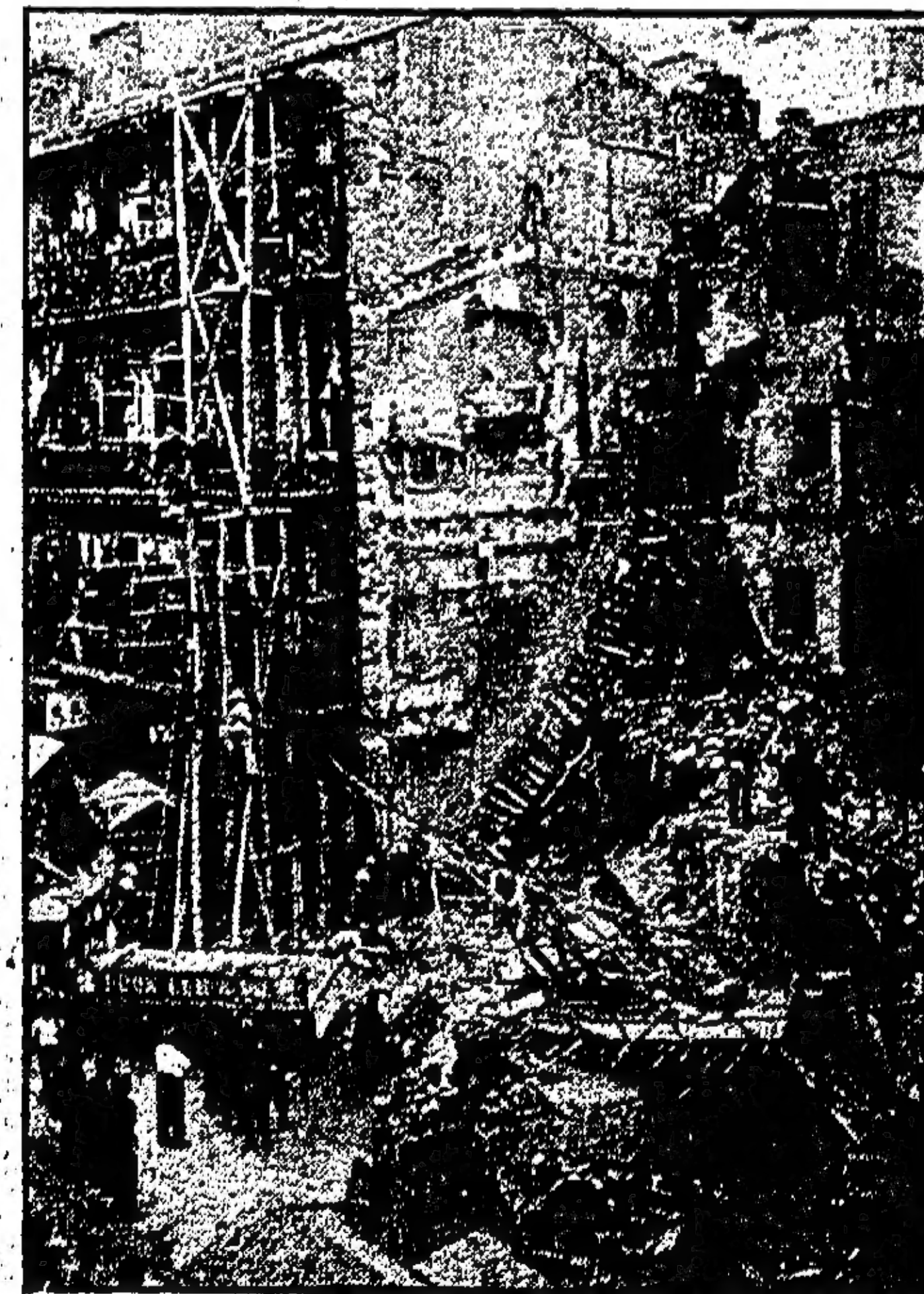
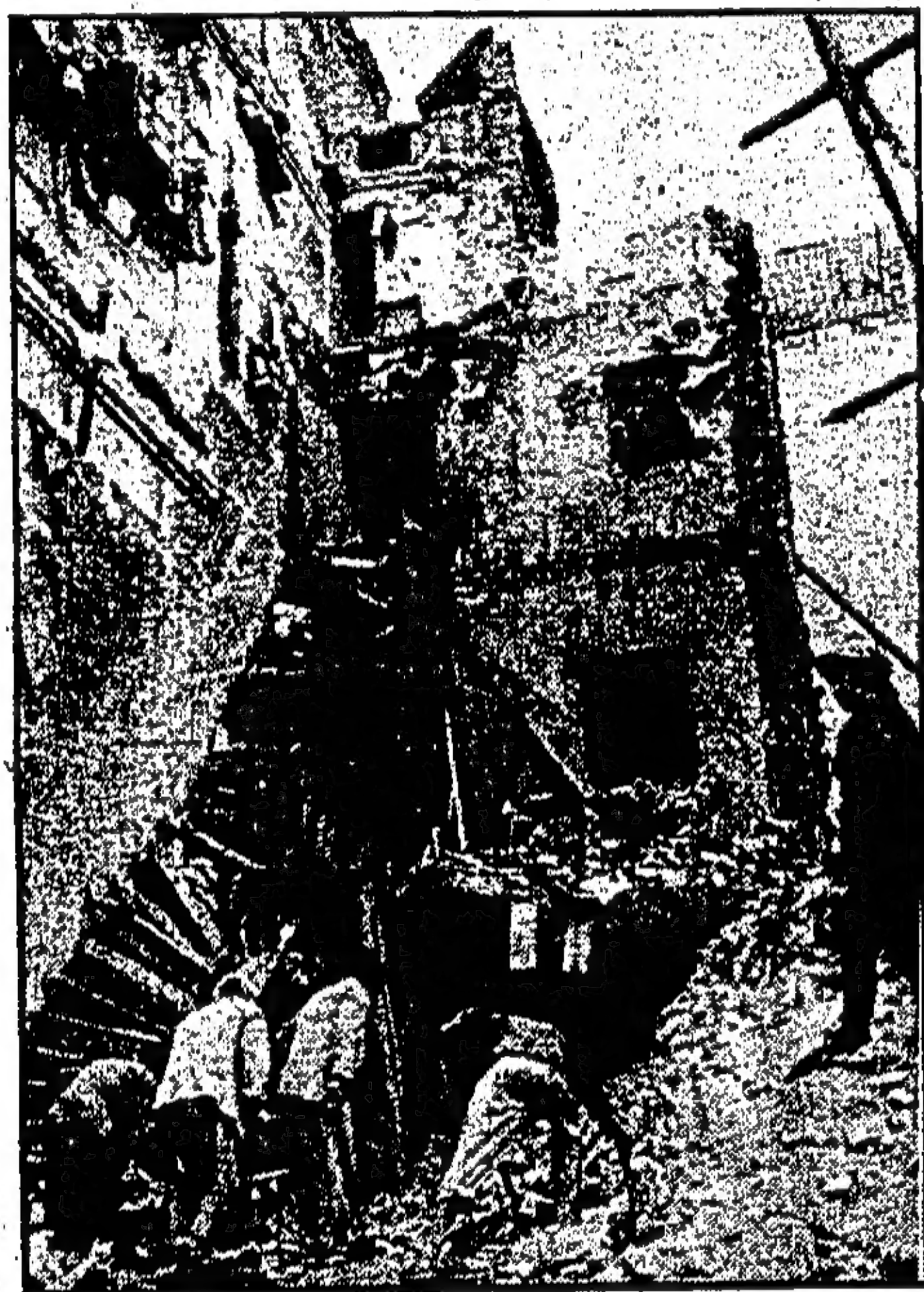
Political propaganda is generally boring. When it utilises tragedies such as that which befell the Air India plane on its way to Bandung, it becomes obnoxious and nauseating. By such behaviour the Peking government stands to lose the respect even of those who are not unkindly disposed towards the regime.

6 KILLED IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Four Children Among The Fatalities 11 OUT OF 27 INJURED DETAINED IN HOSPITAL

Sixty-five out of a total of 71 inhabitants of a three-storey tenement building in Staunton Street which collapsed without warning early this morning miraculously escaped death, and it has now been officially established that the death toll was two women and four children.

First fears were that as many as 80 people had lost their lives when the walls of the house suddenly crumbled, but shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, Mr W. J. Gorman, Fire Brigade Chief, was able to announce that the last body had been extricated from the debris, and that the whole of the occupants of the tenement building had been accounted for.



These two pictures taken by a staff photographer this morning show (top) firemen and other rescue workers searching the debris at Staunton Street for bodies, and above, a general view of the collapsed tenement building.

COMMUNIST NEWS AGENCY REPORTS WRECKAGE OF PLANE FOUND

London, Apr. 13. The wreckage of the crashed Air India Constellation has been found near Sidamau Island of the Natuna Islands, about 210 miles northeast of Singapore, the New China News Agency said today.

"Luggage was found near the wreckage, but no signs of life were discovered," the agency added. Fishermen on the Sidamau Island said the plane exploded and caught fire in the air before it crashed into the sea, it said. "Djakarta airport authorities disclosed that at 1620 hours local time on the day the aircraft had reported conditions to be normal. The plane was then about 1 1/2 hours flying distance from Djakarta. Ten minutes later the plane sent out three SOS messages and then was silent."—Reuter.

In addition to the six dead, 27 victims were sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, and 11 of them have been detained, some suffering from serious injuries.

The dead are a 60-year-old woman, Kwong Ng, a 54-year-old woman, Cheung Siu, and four children, two boys and two girls aged from three years to nine.

Four men and seven women are still in hospital, one of them, a woman, is in a poor condition; the others are reported to be fair.

After digging for six hours officers of the Fire Brigade considered that all of the residents have been accounted for. The last body recovered was that of a dead child at 9.30 a.m. today.

The remaining 38 occupants are believed either to have got themselves out or to have been absent at the time of the collapse.

ALL THAT'S LEFT
A fragment of a blackened kitchen wall; the whole of a rickety wooden staircase; a chest of drawers miraculously hanging to the third-floor wall of the adjoining building; framed pictures and small clothes-bundles grotesquely suspended on metal rods and masses of bricks and rubble—these were the remains of the building occupied by 71 persons, in an area familiarly known as "The Street of 30 Houses", where some of the Colony's oldest buildings are located.

Only a few days ago, just before the Easter holidays, a portion of the adjoining building, No. 66, collapsed and the Fire Brigade was called out. Part of it was then demolished.

This morning the FWD shored the adjacent walls and evacuated tenants living in the four-storey building at No. 62, another old tenement. Demolition of the remains of the collapsed building will start immediately the shoring is completed.

In the meantime the rubble is being removed in truckloads and whatever furniture and property salvaged piled on the sidewalk.

Cleared Of Larceny Charge

New York, Apr. 13. Mr Chih Ku-chang, a Chinese businessman of Los Angeles, was cleared today of a charge of grand larceny, of \$210,000 of Chinese Nationalist government funds.

The magistrate dismissed the charge after he was told that the grand jury were not satisfied that the defendant knew the money was stolen and they returned no indictment.

The money was alleged to be part of funds entrusted to General Mow Pan-ku, who had been in charge of the Chinese Air Force Office in Washington until he fled to Mexico in 1951.—Reuter.

Frantic Bid To Settle Strike

London, Apr. 13. A report by an impartial court of inquiry into London's 20-day-old newspaper wage claim strike tonight set in motion a hectic government bid to settle the dispute.

The report criticised the strike of 700 maintenance mechanics and electricians as "unjustifiable" and their wage claim as "unrealistic."



Sir John Foster, who was chairman of the court of inquiry into the London newspaper dispute.

Urging the strikers to return to work it suggested that a new wage negotiating body be formed to include all 14 unions in the newspaper industry.

As the report was being released Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, summoned newspaper employers and union chiefs to a meeting tomorrow morning.

THE ONE CHANCE

At this meeting ministry consultation officers will press both parties to settle their dispute on the basis of the report drawn up by three men appointed by Sir Walter Monckton.

An anxious Fleet Street tonight saw tomorrow's meeting as the one chance of ending the strike by Friday, when dismissal notices affecting 20,000 non-editorial workers outside the strike take effect.

Newspaper owners who have suffered an estimated net loss of £1,600,000 during the suspended publication of nearly 30 newspapers were hoping tonight for a settlement in time to publish the 30-million circulation national Sunday press.—Reuter.

Cocked Hats A "Cockeyed" Idea

Singapore, Apr. 13. Mrs Amy Ede, a Singapore city councillor, has launched a vigorous attack on the "cocked hat" requirement for Councilors.

Mrs Ede said forthrightly that most of her colleagues would "look cockeyed in cocked hats."

She threw the committee into confusion by demanding, "What about the woman?" and pointed out that the committee's recommendation for official garb called for "silk robes, cocked hats, dress trousers and evening shoes."

"And what would I look like in that costume?" she inquired. "The committee retired confused—and then returned to ask Mrs Ede if she would attend their next meeting 'to reconsider the matter of cocked hats and dress trousers.'"—France Press.

British Newsreel Repeats HK Exports Canard GRIMWOOD TO PROTEST

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Apr. 13.

Thousands of cinemagoers in Britain this week heard a newsreel commentator say that Japanese textiles are being imported into Britain under the guise of Hongkong products.

The current edition of Pathe newsreel includes a sequence showing how competition from imported cloth has hit the Lancashire mills. Cinemagoers see a shot of a packed warehouse and hear the commentator say, "As stocks grow, Japanese textiles masquerading as British because they are exported through Hongkong, continue to flood into the markets of the Empire."

The newsreel sequence is based on an interview with Mr Cyril Lord, boss of 16 Lancashire mills, who has just returned from a business trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Lord told me today that he didn't agree that all textiles exported from Hongkong were Japanese goods on which a small amount of work had been done in the Colony to enable them to qualify for imperial preference. But he believed that some Japanese cloth was finding its way into Britain and the Commonwealth markets through Hongkong.

"In New Zealand and Australia," he said, "I saw samples of nylon claiming to have been made in Hongkong. But that isn't possible because Hongkong does not make any nylon. Therefore it must have come from Japan—and that is my complaint."

Mr Lord agreed that British manufacturers imported foreign material, and after doing a small amount of work on it re-exported it as "British." But he thought that this was a short-sighted policy. In any case, two wrongs don't make a right.

HIS CHIEF CONCERN
"I have no complaints against Hongkong," he said, "but my concern is with Lancashire where 81 factories are shut down and 51,000 workers on the

dole because of competition from imported cloth."

Mr Lord said British mills were currently producing cotton cloth at an annual rate of 2,400 million yards, of which 500 million yards had to be sold abroad. Last year imports of cotton cloth from all sources amounted to 266 million yards. Hongkong's contribution was 29 million yards.

Imports on this scale, he said, were upsetting the whole balance of the industry and causing the present "deplorable" conditions. Five per cent excess of supply over demand in the British home market could cause a slump in Lancashire.

Mr Lord said he would be disappointed if Mr R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, didn't abolish purchase tax on cotton textiles in his Budget next Tuesday. But this alone would not be enough. Lancashire cotton mills, he said, must have 100 per cent protection if they were to survive as a healthy and viable industry. All imports of cotton goods for retention in the home market should be banned.

HIS CHIEF COMPLAINT
Mr Lord's chief complaint is against imports from Japan, though last year these amounted to only 52 million yards against 133 million yards from India. During his tour, he said, he had been shown a letter from a Japanese firm inviting a New (Contd. on back page, Col. 1)

Hopes Reds Will Agree To A Ceasefire

Washington, Apr. 13. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today he was hopeful Communist China would agree to a ceasefire in the Far East.

Mr Dulles spoke on the Formosa situation in a brief address before editors representing the Associated Church Press.

He told the group the outlook in the Far East was "not so promising," but he added: "We are hopeful and trying many ways to bring about acceptance of some sort of ceasefire whereby force will be renounced as a means of achieving national goals."

With Communist China's demand for Formosa and the offshore islands obviously in mind, he then said: "We don't expect the goals themselves will be abandoned."

Mr Dulles said that two American allies, West Germany and South Korea, had agreed not to use force to achieve their long standing aim of uniting their countries.

Mr Dulles said the Western nations "must exhaust all peaceful means" of settling the Formosa crisis provided they did not "involve surrender of people to enslavement." He did not elaborate on this point.—Reuter.

Troops Move In

Shillong, Apr. 13. Troops were moving into the Goalpara district of Assam tonight to prevent a recurrence of last week's disturbances over West Bengal's claims for an adjustment of the border line, according to information available here tonight.

An Assam government spokesman told the Press Trust of India that the troops would be stationed there for some time. Though the situation was now normal the government had decided to take all preventive measures against any possible recurrence of trouble in the district, he added.—Reuter.

Tests Postponed

Las Vegas, Apr. 13. An atomic explosion to test weapons and supplies planned for tomorrow has been postponed because of unfavourable weather.—Reuter.

10 Years In Soviet Slave Camps

Frenchman's Ordeal
Strasbourg, Apr. 13. Jean Remetter returned home here today carrying in a cardboard suitcase a tattered prison uniform—a souvenir of over ten years in Soviet labour camps.

Remetter, now wrinkled and grey at 33, told reporters that he had been drafted into the Nazi army during the war and sent to the Russian front.

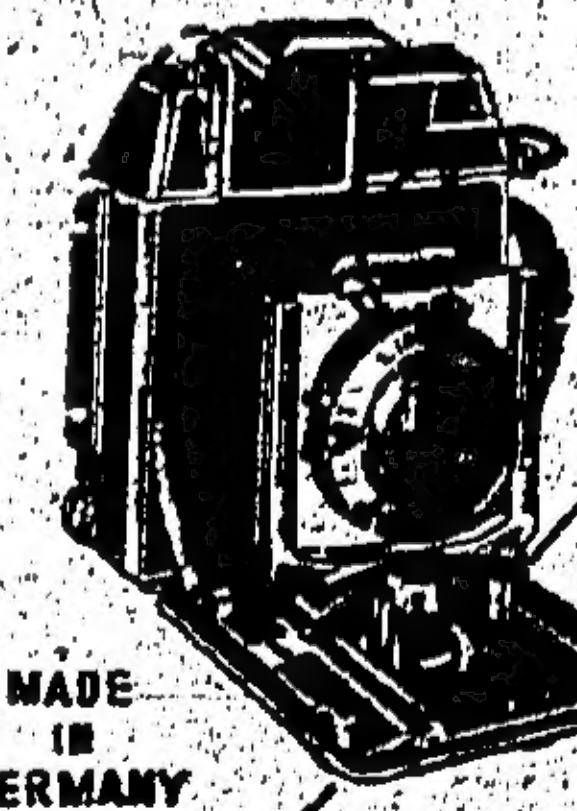
He later "deserted" and was picked up by a Russian patrol while in civilian clothes.

A Soviet army tribunal found him guilty of espionage and sentenced him to 15 years' hard labour, he said.

For long periods they fed us only on a powder made from crushed fish bones," he said. "We considered ourselves lucky when we could catch a rat to eat."

Remetter said he next spent five years at Teekhasan in oriental Russia working in the copper mines.

Finally he was sent to Karaganda, an assembly camp for foreigners near Moscow, in 1939. The Russians freed him at the beginning of this month after representations from the French Embassy in Moscow.—Reuter.



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Nuclear Physicist Issues Warning

Toronto, Apr. 13.

A British nuclear physicist today called for an immediate halt to further atomic tests because they "pollute the atmosphere and may change climates."

Professor Frederick Soddy, a Nobel laureate physicist from Brighton, England, made the appeal in a cablegram which the Canadian Chemical Processing Magazine said it would publish in its next issue.

PAIN TO PINTS

Sydney, Apr. 13.

Sydney dentist Dr. Cecil Adair said his practice to become a public nuisance because he would "rather see a man open his mouth to a swig of beer than to a dentist's drill."

Dr. Adair, who holds Australian, English and American dentistry degrees, said he "got sick of hovering over the dentist's chair" and decided to become a publican on the advice of two patients — both hotel licensees.

"Most people associate a visit to the dentist with pain or the fear of it," Dr. Adair said. "I'd rather give people pleasure." — China Mail Special.

Prof. Soddy's cablegram was sent for use alongside an article by Dr. James Foulkes, pharmacology professor at the University of British Columbia, who wrote that nuclear tests held thus far may have already affected all the cattle in the world.

MORATORIUM DEMANDED

Prof. Soddy wired: "As co-discoverer with Rutherford of atomic energy, I beg Canadian scientists to demand a moratorium forbidding its further mass liberation."

"Even so-called peaceful applications pollute the atmosphere and may change climates, endangering the economy of neighbouring nations."

Dr. Foulkes, in his article, referred to reports that "the thyroidal iodine content of cattle all over the world appears to have been significantly increased by the contaminations to date."

He said safe radiation limits could be set on an immediate basis, but claimed that even slight radio fallout from nuclear explosions could have a long-range "build-up effect."

"There is no safe level of radiation which is devoid of possible harmful effects," he wrote.

"Conceptually, grazing cattle may concentrate the radioactivity falling over a considerable area and over a substantial period of time. The possible role of the edible fish in the Pacific area has also been widely publicised in this connection."

HUMAN FOOD

The cattle, he said, were an example of the "possible existence of biological concentrating mechanisms — which might produce greater than average aggregations of radioactivity — possibly in human food."

He said the "late chronic effects" were "generally believed to be cumulative even in the lowest and most widely-spaced dosages." — United Press.

Pakistan Calls In Law Experts

Karachi, Apr. 13.

The Pakistan Government today called in the country's best constitutional law experts to give opinions on Pakistan's present legal and constitutional crisis.

The crisis was precipitated on Tuesday when the Federal Court, Pakistan's supreme judicial authority, nullified 35 acts of the Constituent Assembly.

A Government spokesman said the legal experts were studying the text of the Federal Court ruling — that the Government-General, validate laws of the Constituent Assembly under the emergency powers assumed by him on March 27.

Government action would follow as soon as their expert opinion was available, the spokesman said.

CABINET CONSIDERATION

Authoritative sources said the Pakistan Cabinet considered the question briefly at the usual Wednesday meeting but decided to defer action pending the legal experts' advice.

The Federal Court judgment had made all provincial assemblies illegal bodies and removed the authority of the state bank of Pakistan. A flurry of uncertainty in the share market followed Tuesday's developments subsided today with investors and brokers confident that the Government would soon take action to rectify the position.

Government offices and the state bank today remained unperturbed by the ruling and continued to function normally and bankers also reported no change in trade "because of confidence that the Government would meet the situation." — Reuters.

Two Days For Falling Into Lake

Copenhagen, Apr. 13.

A thirty-year-old chauffeur from Lyngby has been sent to prison for two days for falling into Lyngby Lake and, as the charge stated, being unable to get out by himself.

The chauffeur had been stopped by the police for being drunk in charge of a lorry. He went home to his small houseboat on Lyngby Lake, fell into the water and had to be fished out by a neighbour.

The court evidently thought that he had caused too much trouble for, in addition to sending him to prison for a fortnight for being drunk in charge, it increased his sentence by two more days for falling into the lake and being unable to get out by himself. He also lost his driving licence for a year. — China Mail Special.



All these wonderful shoes are destined to end up in a Swedish dustbin very soon. They belong to British ballerina Beryl Grey who is to appear for two weeks at Stockholm's Opera House. And ballet being hard on footwear, she estimates that she will wear out every pair before she returns to Britain for a Royal Command performance. In Stockholm she will dance before the King and Queen of Sweden. — Express Photo.

Economic Troubles Behind Purges MODIFICATION OF 5-YEAR PLAN

London, Apr. 13.

Serious economic difficulties lie behind the recent purges in Red China, and the Peking Government has been forced to modify its ambitious economic aims to "conform with reality," diplomatic reports said today.

Official Communist publications and pronouncements have reluctantly admitted in the past few days that all is not well either in industry or in agriculture. And the Peking People's Daily disclosed recently that the Communists are reviewing their Five-Year Plan to modify it "in conformity with reality."

The targets of the current Five-Year Plan have not once been reached in the first two years of its existence, the diplomatic reports said.

AGRICULTURE WORST

The worst difficulties are understood to be in agriculture where targets have not been reached in any essential sectors and output is falling behind the rising demand.

The regime, under pressure of circumstances and in an all-out effort to boost production, is reported to have, lately, swallowed its pride. It has made concessions to peasants, loosening the strict rules binding them into Russian-style co-operatives and granting farmers certain privileges and more freedom from controls.

Agriculture chief Liao, Lu-yen has himself openly admitted that there is evidence that development of agriculture has "fallen behind demand."

He cryptically referred to "inadequate efforts and shortcomings" in some fields.

The chief cause of the trouble is, according to available reports, lack of adequate machinery.

Red China's own production lags behind the needs and Russia apparently has been slow in supplying enough to meet the enormous demand. The West's embargo on deliveries of strategic goods behind the Iron Curtain has cut deliveries from non-Communist sources.

Tact resistance from peasants and their lack of enthusiasm towards Government measures have added, according to the reports, contributed to difficulties in agriculture.

Seizure of privately-owned implements and animals or inadequate remuneration were understood to have caused misgivings among small peasants who realised by reducing the production of food.

Under the pressure of events, the Peking regime has begun to ensure pressures to induce greater co-operation on the part of the peasants, the reports said. At the same time targets have been raised in an effort to meet the growing demands. They have, in some sectors of agriculture, been raised by up to one-fifth, but observers have expressed doubt that it will be possible to realise these ambitious objectives.

NOT EASY

The People's Daily grudgingly admitted that "it is not easy to build a Socialist state in so big a country with such complex conditions, starting from so backward a national economy."

"It probably requires three Five-Year plans to build a Socialist society, but to build a powerful highly-industrialised country requires decades of arduous effort, possibly 30 years or the whole second half of this century," the Communist organ has cautioned apologetically. — United Press.

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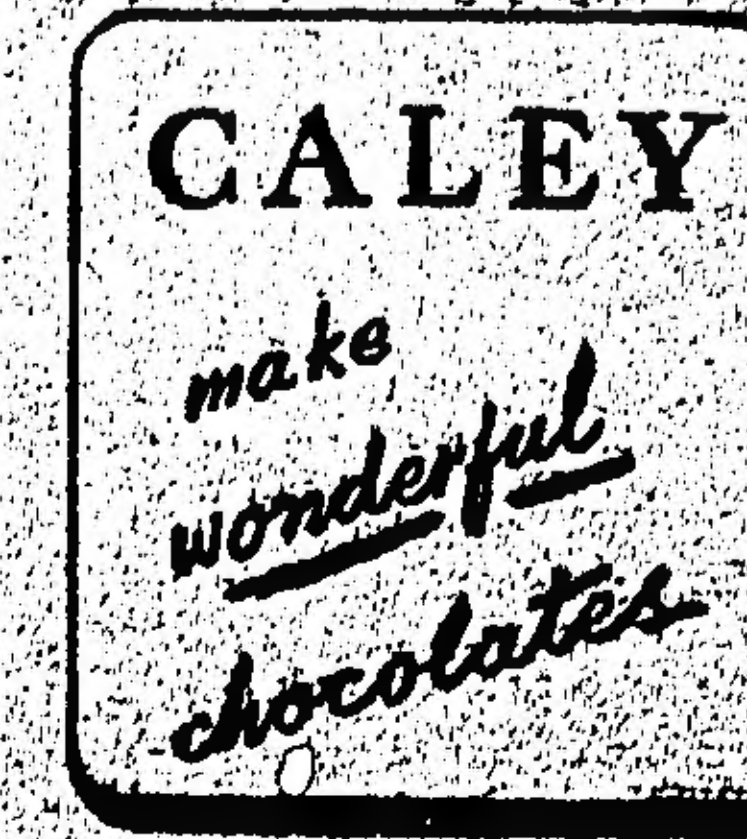
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UK Firms Making Anti-Polio Vaccine

SMALL SCALE TRIALS

London, Apr. 13.

Two British pharmaceutical firms announced today that they were manufacturing an anti-polio vaccine which would be used in small scale trials in this country.

The Glaxo Laboratories said that it has manufactured pilot batches of a vaccine of the type developed in the United States by Dr Jonas Salk.

The Company said it had built a £100,000 virus research laboratory and began polio research there a year ago.

The non-profit making Wellcome Foundation said the vaccine had been "following very closely the anti-polio developments in the United States" and had been working "on parallel lines" on research into a vaccine.

EXPEDITING PRODUCTION

A spokesman for the Foundation said that plans exist for expediting production of an anti-polio vaccine.

Newspapers throughout the world today prominently published details of the Salk polio vaccine discovery.

Some health officials will take steps to obtain supplies. Others will investigate the vaccine's efficiency.

Health officials in several United States cities announced that they will start inoculations of the new Salk vaccine against polio early next week.

The Federal Government announced today export controls will be placed on the vaccine until production is sufficient to meet both anticipated domestic and foreign demands.

Under the control system licences will be required for any shipment abroad except to Canada.

THREE MONTHS

Manufacturers of the vaccine, which takes three months to make, were reported to be stepping up production.

There were estimates that as many as 45 million children might be protected this year. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis alone has ordered supplies for nine million children.—Reuter.

SEATO Registered

New York, Apr. 13. The Southeast Asian Treaty Organisation's documents pledging eight countries to collective defence against aggression and subversion in the area were officially registered with the United Nations today.

The eight powers are Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

NO 'UNCLES' IN BERGEN

Bergen, Apr. 13. A Bergen newspaper, Bergens Arbeiderblad, has discovered that there are now no pawnbrokers in Bergen.

The newspaper made a thorough investigation after they had been unable to advise a foreign visitor who had sought this traditional solution to the problem of a sudden shortage of cash.

It appears that the last "pop shop" in Bergen closed down in 1949, as it was no longer a profitable business. But Bergen citizens do not seem to have missed it.—China Mail Special.

EVEREST STATEMENT 'PETTY'

New Delhi, Apr. 13.

The Independent Hindustan Standard said today the recent revival of the controversy of whether Sir Edmund Hillary or Sherpa Tensing reached the summit of Everest first was unsavoury and in bad taste.

It criticised Dr L. G. C. Pugh, scientist attached to the Everest expedition, for "pettiness" in his recent statement in Berkeley, California, that Sir Edmund Hillary provided the brains for the climb to the summit.

The scientist was reported as saying Sir Edmund Hillary and Tensing were able to reach the top only because they had oxygen equipment which required intellectual ability which Tensing did not have.

"On the final climb Hillary had to operate it for him," he added.

Tensing's comment was that Dr Pugh's statement "sounds to me very much like that of a defeated jockey who failed to reach a ripe grape in the vineyard and had to console himself by saying that the grapes are sour."

The Hindustan Standard said Dr Pugh's statement was "quite unnecessary and in the worst possible taste and was bad enough."

"What somebody has now drafted for the great sherpa by way of reminder seems to us equally unnecessary and in not much better taste. The reference to the disappointed jockey and his sour grapes is especially strange, for Tensing himself, great mountaineer that he is, must know better than anyone that success in reaching Mount Everest is honour to be won with humility."—China Mail Special.

Favourable Result RENEWED OPTIMISM OVER PEACE TREATY

Moscow, Apr. 13.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, today predicted "a favourable result" from the current Moscow negotiations on a State (peace) treaty for Austria.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr Julius Raab, who flew here from Vienna for the sessions, smiled and commented, "I agree with what Mr Molotov said."

There was a general upsurge of optimism that an agreement may be reached between Russia and Austria on the elusive Austrian treaty on terms that the Western Big Three can accept.

(In past negotiations on an Austrian treaty, Russia has imposed conditions which the West felt would leave Austria easy prey to Communism and therefore refused to accept.)

EXPECT RESULT

Mr Molotov told Western newsmen, in an impromptu Press conference at an Austrian Embassy reception, "I expect a positive result."

Mr Molotov's comment was in reply to questions about the

outlook for success of the present negotiations.

Western newsmen asked Mr Molotov a series of questions. Their questions and the Soviet Foreign Minister's answers follow:

Q.—Will the talks end tomorrow?

A.—The Austrian delegation is leaving on Friday. There is no fixed programme for tomorrow.

Q.—What would be the next step after the Austrian delegation returns to Vienna?

A.—Not everything depends on us. We would like it to be something agreed upon between the four Powers.

(This was Mr Molotov's closest approach to suggesting a four-Power conference on Austria.)

Q.—Are things going well (with the negotiations)?

A.—I think so.

Q.—Is there any new basis for the current discussions?

A.—No. There is no new basis. The talks are going on the old basis. But positions are much closer and certain points have been made more precise.

Mr Molotov answered all the questions asked in a smiling, friendly manner, much to the astonishment of foreign diplomats and Soviet officials.

Dr Raab, when told of Mr Molotov's statements, was asked whether he was satisfied with the progress of the negotiations.

"You can say that," the Austrian Chancellor replied.

POSSIBLE ACTIVITY

He said he believed it possible that his visit here may set off extensive new diplomatic activity between East and West. He expects to present the results of his visit to the Austrian Parliament on April 27.

Prior to the Austrian reception, the United States Ambassador, Mr Charles E. Bohlen, and other Western Big Three diplomats met with the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr Leopold Figl. In addition to Mr Bohlen, Dr Figl received the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, and the French Charge d'Affaires, M. Jean Le Roy.—United Press.

PAT WARD TO SING IN NIGHT CLUB

New York, Apr. 13.

MISS Pat Ward, former call girl who was principal witness at the Mickey Jelle vice trial has been engaged as a night club singer for \$2,500 a week, her new manager announced today.

Her songs will include "What is This Thing Called Love" and "I'm Just a Country Girl at Heart."

Her manager said: She might be billed as "America's sweetest heart."

The Stage Coach Inn at South Hackensack, N.J., Jersey, where she opens in June, expects her to become a major attraction.

POSSIBLE 40 YEARS

Jelle, heir to a margarine fortune who was convicted of inducing Miss Ward into a life of prostitution is to be sentenced later this month. He faces a possible 40-year term.

At an earlier trial he was sentenced to from three to eight years imprisonment, but this was set aside on appeal because part of the proceedings were held in camera.

Miss Ward is to appear at an Internal Revenue Department hearing on April 21 to explain why she paid no tax on her earnings of nearly \$15,000 while she was associated with Jelle.—Reuter.

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The German Ambassador, Dr Schlange-Schöningen, presents the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit to Dr Alfred Wiener, from Berlin at the German Embassy. Dr Wiener is the founder of the Wiener Library, containing all Nazi and anti-Nazi literature. He fled from Germany at the outbreak of war and took his library to Holland, and when the Nazis invaded Holland he escaped to England with "most of his library." Picture shows Dr Schlange-Schöningen, presenting the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit to Dr Wiener at the German Embassy.—Express Photo.

Weather Defeats Churchill

Syracuse, Apr. 13.

A bleak northeast gale today kept Sir Winston Churchill a prisoner in the idyllic Villa Politi Hotel here on the first day of his holiday in retirement.

He worked all day in his private suite on a book which he began before World War II—"The History of the English Speaking Peoples."

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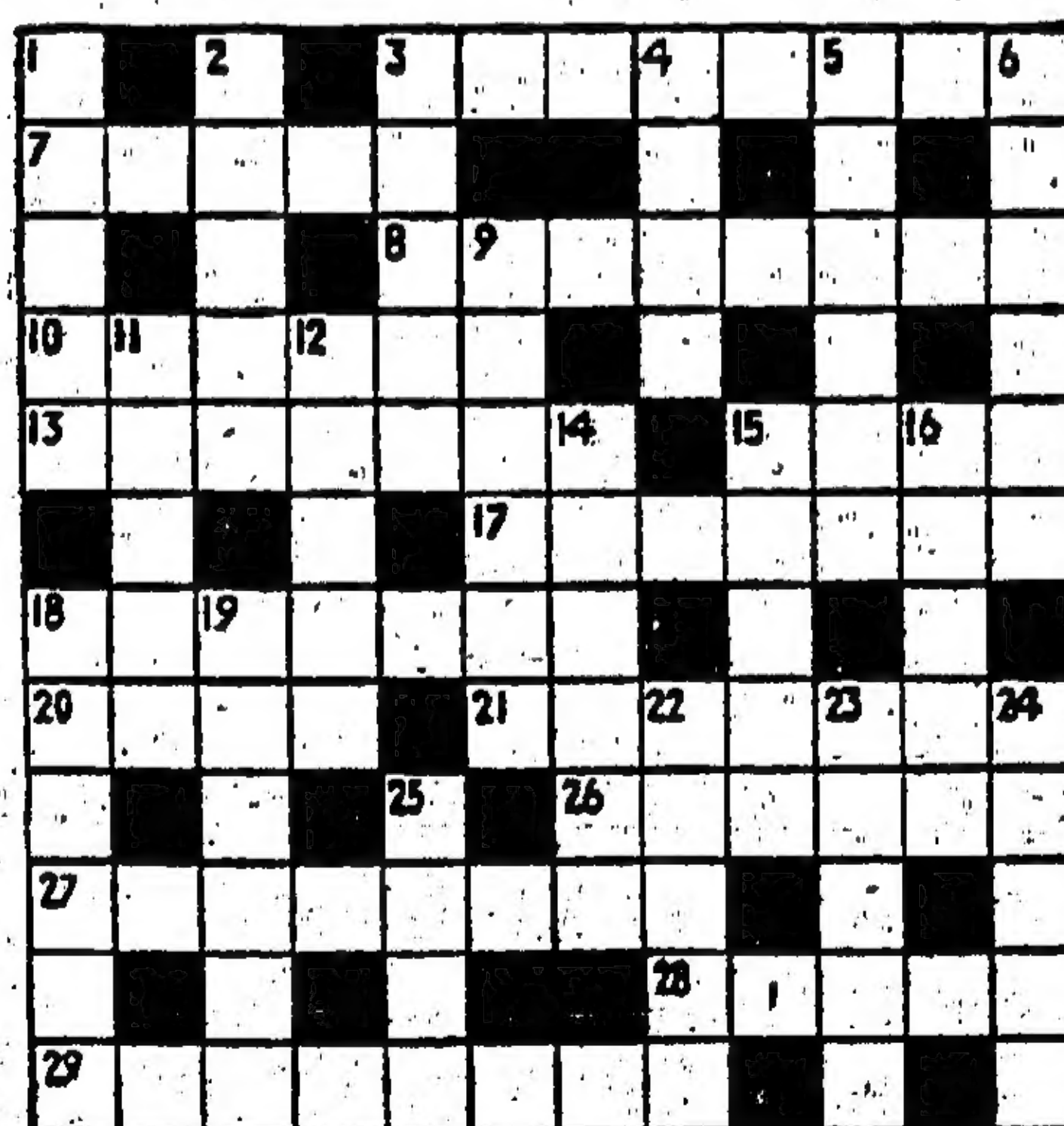
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Clergyman (8)
- 7 Kind of dog (5)
- 8 Rotating (8)
- 10 Beam (6)
- 13 Came in (7)
- 15 Shivering fit (4)
- 17 Effervescence (7)
- 18 Mocks (7)
- 20 Parachute (4)
- 21 Devil (7)
- 26 Withstand (8)
- 27 Muse (8)
- 28 Repasts (5)
- 29 Visionaries (8)

DOWN

- 1 Twenty (5)
- 2 Cunning (5)
- 3 Skindint (5)
- 4 Taverns (4)
- 5 Sudden pain (8)
- 6 Rue (8)
- 8 Esteem above others (6)
- 11 Rage (5)
- 12 Lushness (5)
- 14 Wilderness (6)
- 15 Precincts (5)
- 16 Below (5)
- 18 Elected up (8)
- 19 Commendum (8)
- 22 Appears (5)
- 23 Seat (5)
- 24 Stupid (5)
- 25 Check (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Uproot, 5 Doubt, 6 Meter, 8 Record, 10 Limit, 11 Dunes, 12 Veer, 13 Toast, 15 Regret, 18 Tracks, 20 Speed, 22 Pile, 23 Sires, 25 Septa, 26 Rubust, 27 Steel, 29 Defend. Down: 1 Unravels, 2 Re-creates, 3 Arkid, 4 Related, 5 Delights, 6 Orison, 7 Blisk, 14 Attitude, 15 Talented, 16 Radiate, 17 Severed, 19 Resist, 21 Great, 24 Sole.

AFRICANS BOYCOTT SCHOOLS

Johannesburg, Apr. 13.

Police made several arrests today after incidents at African schools near here on the second day of operation of the controversial Bantu Education Act.

Some mothers were reported to have dragged children away from classrooms in Kathleng village near Johannesburg. Thousands of children played away from school in African townships along the Witwatersrand, in the Transvaal. Pickets were set up at some places.

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Iranian Premier Was 'Ousted'

Beirut, Apr. 13.

Informed quarters here said today that ex-Premier Fazelollah Zahedi of Iran was "ousted" from office because of his opposition to proposed Iranian adherence to the Pakistan-Ankara pact.

Mr Zahedi, who said he resigned for reasons of health, came here immediately after stepping down from office. He was replaced by the Court Minister, Mr Hussein Ala, a septogenarian.

Informed sources said that Mr Zahedi insisted that Iran, which shares a long frontier with the Soviet Union, could not join the pact for military and political reasons.

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Plane's Accident

Power Lines Repaired

Ipswich, Apr. 13.

Gangs of electricians working throughout the night had by this morning restored power to thousands of east England homes blacked out yesterday by a United States Air Force plane.

The plane, a Lockheed Shooting Star jet fighter-bomber, tore through five high tension cables each carrying 132,000 volts between 100-foot pylons near Ipswich—and landed safely.

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ON PANORAMIC SCREEN

JAMES WICKENDEN warns of THE RED THREAT TO JAPAN

London, Apr. 5. He has adopted three aims: 1. No violence, more argument; 2. A pro-Asian stance to propaganda; 3. A united front policy to infiltrate the Socialists who were divided among themselves.

In the election Shiga dropped the idea of pushing a straight line. More than half the Communist candidates were withdrawn, and Communist support was flung behind Socialists in hard fought seats.

The result—sixteen seats—was a disaster for the Communists in the Diet; the stage set to make use of the "more trade with China" campaign.

For the Socialist-Liberal front opposed Prime Minister Hatoyama's "trade with China" vote-catching campaign, which has had support. And now the Japanese Communists, whose bold electioneering put at least nine left-wing candidates in power, are bent on infiltrating the Socialists.

In fact Japan's left-wingers and Communists are in a similar position to their opposite numbers in India.

The Socialists and Communists in both countries are too weak by themselves to oppose a resurgent right wing. This keeps alive a constant temptation to form a united Communist-Socialist front. Socialists in India and Japan know the danger to themselves in such an unholy alliance. But they have not the firmness to refuse it outright.

So far the Communists, although the smallest party, have made best use of the confused situation in Japan. They number only about 100,000 compared to the 500,000 hard core of the right wing organisations backing Hatoyama.

Dead Party

Before the election that put Hatoyama in power, the Japanese Communists were almost a dead party. Their leaders were hunted by the Public Security Investigation Agency, Japan's secret police. They had only one member in the Diet. Moscow, directing their affairs, failed to achieve success.

Recently Peking is believed to have taken over the direction of Japan's Communists. Undercover agents hurry to and fro from the mainland. The Security Agency admits that it is unable to stifle this traffic completely. A new leader has emerged—battered prison veteran Yoshio Shiga.

Meaningless

This battle cry of Hatoyama is, of course, almost meaningless in present economic and political circumstances. It was aimed mainly to attract votes. As soon as he had appointed his foreign minister, Mr. Shigemitsu, a delegation was hurried to Washington to reassure the Americans.

Although large-scale mainland trade attracts all Japanese shades of opinion—except the Socialist-Liberal front—the facts are that China and Japan have no basis for a big mutual trade, not even up to the pre-war scale.

China's new industrial plans absorb much of the iron and coal formerly bought by Japan. Peking wants machinery to boost the plans—not Japanese cameras, shirts, watches and other consumer goods. Red China is becoming more economically linked with Russia. Finally, Japan cannot export the capital goods China wants because of the ban on export of strategic materials.

But these facts do not prevent the Communists taking up the cry of "trade with China," by which they hope to drive a wedge between a more cautious Hatoyama and his supporters and wreck the Socialists at the same time.

However, Communist Shiga does not make the mistake of pushing the trade with China line through his own party. That would warn the anti-Chinese lobby he wooed—the

Socialists—too quickly. It would fall to rally the fellow-travelling business fringe.

So the usual Communist technique is being adopted of dressing up the campaign under a cover organisation—the "Council for Promotion of International Trade." Ostensibly this respectable sounding body has no connection with violent Communism.

In fact, it was promoted after talks in Moscow in 1952 according to the Security Investigation Agency.

For Hatoyama, therefore, the question of trade with China is as much a political problem as an economic one.

If he pushes the "trade with China" idea too hard, he gives the Socialists another Communist Shiga's hands. If he plays it too soft, he alienates his own supporters.

But larger issues exist. The ties with America, the need for Free World support generally in promoting Japanese Southeast Asian trade, and the desire of his administration to remain in the Free Asian world—these point to a compromise for Hatoyama.

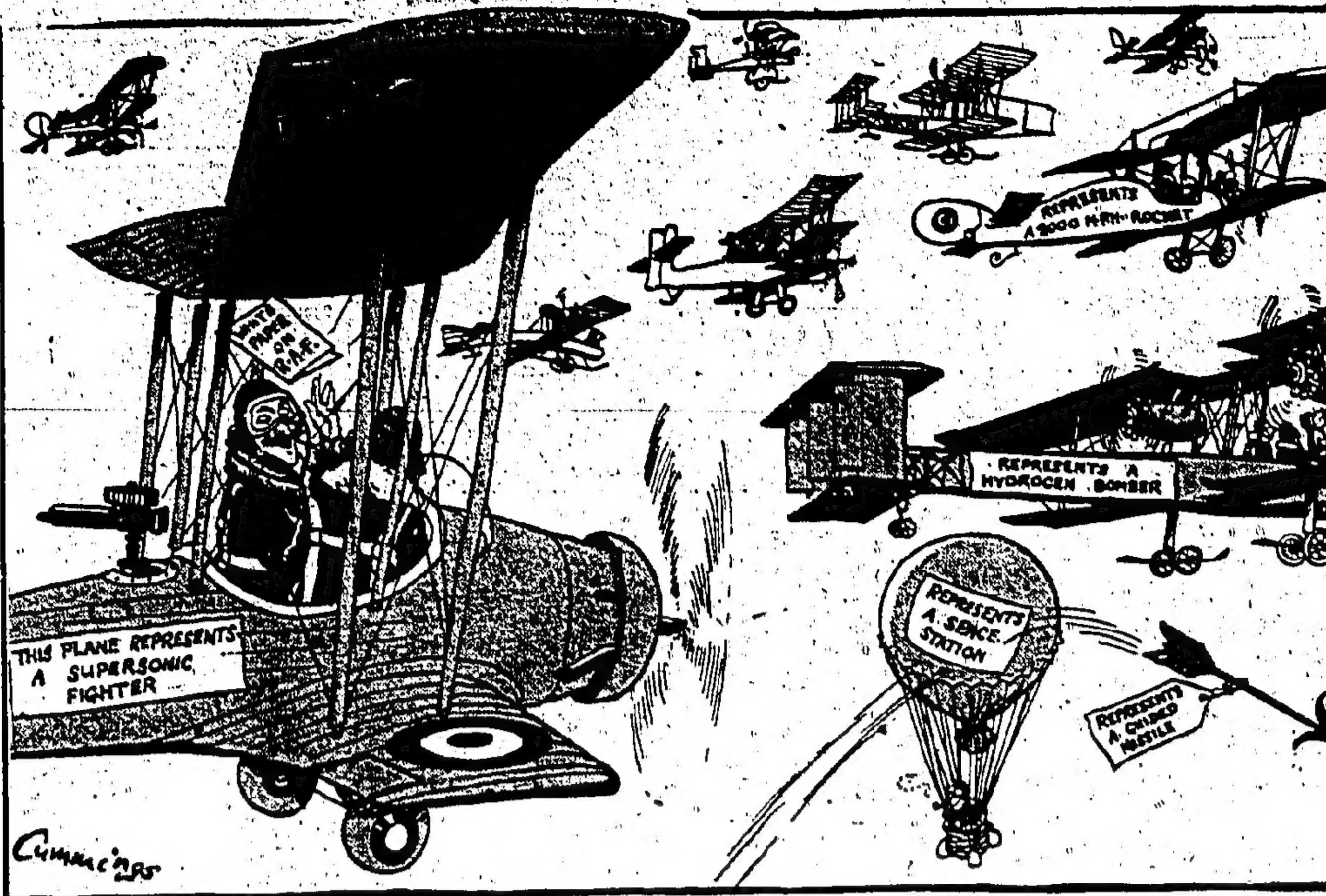
Positive Role

He may continue to approve the idea of improved mainland relations without going so far as present as to sign a peace treaty with Peking. At the Afro-Asian conference in Indonesia this month, he can take his cue from Prime Minister Nehru, who also seeks a middle road.

But Prime Minister Hatoyama has also a more positive role to perform in the Afro-Asian talks. He can put the view of an Asian country fundamentally non-Communist and heavily dependent on Western help.

He may yet emerge, with Shigemitsu, as the ally of a hard-headed Indian delegation in face of the Communist line to be expounded there by Peking emissaries.

If he does this, the Sino-Japan peace treaty will be pushed further into the future. But Japan will have strengthened the Free World, particularly Free Asia.



"My grandson, at least, will fly in what will be the world's strongest Air Force."

(London Express Service)

KING HEROD and the MAN FROM GLASGOW

By MONICA DEHN

Jerusalem. TWO thousand years ago Herod the Great, who ruled Palestine when

Joseph and Mary were children in Nazareth, built himself an enormous fortified palace on the precipitous rock mountain one thousand feet above the plain which overlooks the salt flats of Sodom and Gomorrah, near the southern end of the Dead Sea.

After Herod's death, and forty years after the crucifixion of Christ, a band of 900 Jews made the palace their last ditch stand against the Romans, following the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. They held out for three years, and in the end draw lots and killed each other rather than submit.

A Strongpoint

A thousand years later the Crusaders used the rock—its name, Masada, means fortress in Hebrew—as a strongpoint and built a chapel there.

Since then the rock has been deserted—and might have remained so for years if the parents of three-year-old Schmuryu Gutman had not decided to leave Glasgow 42 years ago and settle in Palestine.

Schmuryu's parents went to a farming village, and the youngster grew up speaking English and without any memories of his first home. He became a tractor driver. But in his spare time he read Jewish history and went hiking. Always in his knapsack he carried a copy of the works of the Jewish historian Josephus Flavius, who had been the sole survivor of the 900 "zealots" that perished on Masada.

To The Top

SITTING in the simple room provided for him and his wife by the communal settlement of Na'an, where he lives with his three children, he told me that while still a boy he determined to uncover Herod's palace. Sipping tea with lemon, he said: "Josephus' description of the palace was so beautiful

I wanted more than anything else to find it. He built a wall of white stone around the whole top of the hill and graced 38 towers on the wall. He built a palace at the western ascent. Furniture of edifices, and of baths, and of cloisters was of great variety and very costly. The buildings were supported by monolithic columns on every side. The wall and floors of the buildings were paved with stones of many colours. He also cut many great cisterns, as reservoirs for water, out of rock, and he endeavoured to have water as if there had been fountains."

To find the palace Schmuryu has sweated up the steep ascent to the plateau at the top of Masada more than two hundred times, the first time 21 years ago. He found a mile-long Roman siege wall surrounding Masada. From the summit he saw the three separate fortifications the Romans built along the road to Jericho, and a pile of rubble which formed a 600 foot ramp the Romans used to bring up siege engines and the battering ram which finally broke down the Jewish defences. But until last year he never found a trace of the palace.

First Triumph

LAST year he climbed Masada in the company of twenty boys and girls from one of Israel's youth groups. They stayed on the plateau five days, and when they returned Schmuryu knew that Herod's palace was really there.

First they found reservoirs. "They consisted of twelve cave-like cisterns," he said, "with plastered walls and connected one to the other by steps. They were able to hold 40,000 cubic metres of water, and had been scooped out of sheer rock by hand—quite a job that. High water marks showed they had once been filled but it puzzled us how this had been done since the maximum annual rainfall in the area is about an inch."

To work it out Schmuryu left his boys and girls one afternoon and went climbing to the nearby wadi which he knew ran from the Hebron Hills of South Jerusalem to the Mediterranean. Suddenly, as he scuffed through the sand, his foot hit against something

hard, which he saw was part of a pipe more than three feet wide and 120 feet long. Smaller, similar pieces of piping had been seen near the cisterns. "It was our first real triumph," said Schmuryu. "Obviously the Romans had supplied the cisterns by an aqueduct. Flood water rushing down from Hebron and channelled through these pipes could have filled those cisterns in five hours. Now all we had to do was to find the palace."

Huge Hall

IT was the finding of the aqueduct that led Schmuryu to the palace. Leading out of one of the cisterns he saw a tiny path which, after he had clambered up it, brought him out onto a flat terrace below the tip of the plateau and completely concealed by it. And peering down over the ledge of the terrace he saw what he had been dreaming about for years. Thirty-six feet below him, on the edge of a precipice, was the floor of a huge hall, 27 feet long, surrounded by magnificent preserved Corinthian columns, each 12 feet high.

Jubilant, Schmuryu journeyed to Jerusalem to tell his story to the Israel Department of Antiquities and Israel Exploration Society, and three weeks ago a 25-man expedition—including not only trained archaeologists but university students and volunteers from farming settlements—set out to make "the first scientific survey of the area."

Three Tiers

TO maintain the expedition at the summit supplies had to be brought up by mules along an ancient track known as "Serpent's Path," which had been built by Roman legionaries and repaired by Israel "Kommandos." An army base camp was established at the site of one of the Roman camps.

For three weeks the group worked from sunrise to sunset, crawling and clambering over three-foot deep piles of rubble, mostly on foot, sometimes with the help of ladders and ropes. At night, by the light of oil lamps, they kept their surveys up to date, mapped out the next day's work.

The expedition's findings proved Schmuryu had been right in thinking he had found Herod's palace. Said expedition leader Avi Yonah: "It had been built in three tiers like a wedding cake, and reminded me of Hitler's eagle at Berchtesgarden."

He added: "Herod must have had the same kind of mad genius as Hitler to choose this fantastic site for a hide-out."

On the top tier, the expedition found, Herod had built a thick buttressing wall on to an earlier structure, believed to have been put up by Jonathan, one of the Maccabean leaders, and paved with black and white mosaics in a geometric design which Avi Yonah reported to the press were the oldest mosaics to be found in Israel.

Here Herod apparently kept his look-out post, for the expedition found a stone bench with a drawing of a house surrounded with olive palms scratched on the wall behind it. "Perhaps," said Schmuryu, "one of the guards was lovelorn and one day, when he was bored, he drew a picture of the home he hoped to provide for his wife as soon as his tour of duty on top of Masada was over."

Well Preserved

UNDER the bench were the kernels of dates the guards must have munched, bits of bread, grains of salt, even fragments of material and the thongs of leather sandals—all perfectly preserved by the hot dry air.

The second tier, which was sixty feet below the first and was reached by means of winding steps of wood and stone passing through rock and invisible from the outside, consisted of a platform which the peering Schmuryu had seen what he guessed to be Herod's banqueting hall.

"Herod's banqueting hall" on the third level was also reached by a winding interior staircase—neither of these, however, was discovered until the last day of the survey—and the expedition found it even more remarkable than Schmuryu's excited description.

The Frescoes

ALL round it were fluted sandstone columns covered by plaster, with capitals of pure classical Corinthian style. A balustrade surrounding the hall was painted with frescoes in blue, red, yellow and green—rather like the walls of Pompeii houses. On one of the columns a Roman soldier had scratched his name: Gaius Ascalus. Beneath the ball the rock dropped sheer to a plain 1,000 feet below.

Although Israel's archaeologists are now convinced they have found Herod's palace, there is still much work to be done. The rubble is piled up three feet deep in some parts, and there is still a possibility of there being more rooms—possibly dungeons—directly underneath the banqueting hall.

"As soon as we get the necessary funds," said Avi Yonah, "we are going back."

And when they do go, Schmuryu, Avi Yonah's young assistant, will hand over his tractor to someone else for a while and go along too.

TONY IN THE CHAIR

From
William Worth

London. THE tall figure, greying hair, clipped moustache and BBC baritone voice make an obligingly impressive Anthony Eden.

But, looking down from the gallery of the Commons, his hands show behind his back, white and tightly clasped. He is a shy but determined man. He might have been a good bishop with a reputation for the patience of Job.

He has indeed built a careful front with his moustache and his hat—"I look such a fool in a bowler"—but he has shown remarkable staying power for what his enemies call a dummy wearing a dicky.

GREAT STRAIN

There is more to Eden than earnestness. Only Eden knows the cost of his fourteen years through the war and after. He has taken more strain than almost any statesman alive. To do it he had to fight his past.

His father had a lot to answer for. He was a rumbustious man, with a long family tradition of local authority in northeast England behind him, who swept at knick-knacks with his stick, and once flung a barometer into the rainstorm it failed to predict. All this left an impression of the young Eden.

Ever since he has been like a man constantly dreading some awful explosion, a pessimist at heart who needed to avow repeatedly an optimistic line, then ask as he does after every speech: "Was it all right?"

He has also managed to wrestle with and defeat the devil he inherited from his father—a hot temper once well known by white and shaking ancestors when he was at the War Office.

He has done it, as he has wrestled with international conflicts, by persistent idealism and the belief that both life and politics ought to be clean. He has at least kept his own life clean and restored some decency to the diplomacy of the world.

HOPELESS CREED

"The one hopeless creed," he said before resigning from the Chamberlain government, "is fatalism and the belief that the struggle for your ideals is not worth while."

He said it after working sixteen hours a day at the Foreign Office to put some stuffing and purpose into the flapping Chamberlain policy.

His vast experience of foreign affairs is well known. It began in 1926. Since then he has moved steadily from Private Secretary to Foreign Secretary in 1935; out briefly after resigning, and back again ever since, while Churchill reigned.

To some extreme Tories his vital decisions are too well known. They would caustically list them as Mossadeh and Naguib "cheking" Britain; "sell-out" in the Sudan; "scuttling" from Suez; "erry-building" in Geneva; "muddle" in the Middle East. "Tony's a flop," they have muttered in the lobbies for months at a time.

But is he? And now he is Prime Minister?

WHAT ELSE?

He might well ask his critics what else could have been expected, done in postwar diplomacy, if the long view and the goal of peace were held paramount.

Although his speeches are slow and lack bite they face facts and are well reasoned. His intuition is proverbial and he quickly sums up men in a phrase.

"You can't trust Mussolini," "Nasser is a good fellow—you'll see," "Chou En-lai is certainly impressive," he has said privately. As Churchill, turban thunder-bolt of sight within. At least they often keep him a bound ahead of ponderous contemporaries in international politics.

His charm and his patience therefore hide a human man, even recess him at times. But now that he feels the long-awaited reins of power, he may grip them more firmly and purposefully than most people expect.



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A MODERN TREASURE SHIP

CRUSTY old British seadog Sir Francis Drake, who whipped the Spanish Armada would have snickered his lips to Drake, who dabbled in piracy occasionally, a ship like the Mahroussa did not appear on the horizon very often.

For the Mahroussa is the first real treasure ship to sail for centuries. She is to sail from Egypt this year, around the world, with 2,500,000 worth of jewels, on board—diamonds, diadems, crowns, necklaces, bracelets, loads of glittering stones and precious metals. And they are all for sale.

The treasure cargo, once belonged to the Mohamed Ali family—cousins, sisters and

counts of the exiled Farouk. Colonel Nasser pounced on the lot after the fall of the Egyptian monarchy and deposited it deep down in a vault of Egypt's national bank. There the treasures lie, bursting out of old suitcases, shoe-boxes and caskets.

Instead of asking the world's wealthiest to come to Egypt to buy them, Egypt is selling them to the major ports of the world, hunting for buyers. And the most important port of call is New York.

Among the treasure cargo are the brighter side of old Egypt—which may go into a state museum unless someone wants to buy them.

Showpiece of the Mahroussa's hoard will be a diadem once worn by Princess Cheikkar, first wife of King Fuad, Farouk's father. It is set with 3,000 diamonds made up into five thick spirals peppered with tiny pearls and mounted in platinum. And crowning it is a six-carat pear-shaped diamond.

There is also the crown, made entirely of diamonds shaped in roses, which Farouk gave Queen Farida on their wedding day in 1927.

And just to make sure no one has any Francis Drake ideas, two Egyptian destroyers will escort the Mahroussa on her round-world treasure trip.

—DAVID BURK

AUSTRALIANS IN SOUND POSITION IN THE PORT OF SPAIN TEST

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Apr. 13.

Australia were 235 runs behind the West Indies with all their first innings wickets intact at the half-way stage in the six-day Second Test here today.

Colin McDonald (90) and left-hander Arthur Morris (50), the Australian opening pair, had put on 147 without being separated when stumps were drawn tonight.

Earlier the West Indies had lost their five remaining wickets for the addition of 27 runs to the overnight total and were all out for 332.

Ray Lindwall, the Australian speed bowler, was in splendid form, taking four wickets for 18 runs in 5.5 overs this morning to finish with six wickets for 85.

Only 49 minutes' play was needed today to finish off the West Indies innings after early drizzle had delayed the resumption for 25 minutes.

Keith Miller started the rout when in the opening over of the day he had McWatt caught in the gully without addition to the West Indies overnight score of 355 for five.

Then Lindwall, in his second over, bowled Ramadhin for nought and King for two, making eight men out for 360.

In his fourth over Lindwall removed Garfield Sobers, who was brilliantly caught by wicketkeeper Langley, who held the low catch with his left hand. Sobers, a 19-year-old

left-hander who had come in at the fall of the fourth wicket yesterday, batted soundly for 47.

Four wickets had then fallen for only six runs, but a lively last wicket stand between Butler, who scored a neat 16, and Valentine yielded 21 runs. The innings ended when Butler, beaten by Lindwall's change of pace, skidded to mid-off.

In the over bowled before lunch Australia scored three without loss.

TRIED NINE

Jeff Stollmeyer, the West Indies captain, tried nine bowlers in an attempt to break Australia's door opening partnership. But Morris and McDonald were unshakable.

In two hours they had put on only 73 and the crowd gave them the slow hand clap.

Shortly afterwards McDonald reached his fifty but with rather a lucky stroke. He mistimed a shot when facing Stollmeyer and saw the ball drop just over Kings' head at mid wicket.

McDonald always looked the more aggressive and he brought a spirit of life to the play when he hit King through the covers to take his score to 80.

The hundred came up after two hours 40 minutes. McDonald had then hit 67 and Morris 28 in 57 overs.

Morris was almost entirely defensive. McDonald scored 20 of the first 22 runs and Morris took 73 minutes to score five.

In the last half hour both went for runs with a great deal more freedom, however, and at the close McDonald had made 90 in three hours 31 minutes. He scored nine fours.

The partnership beat their stand of 102 in the first innings of the previous Test, which Australia won by nine wickets. Reuter.

Athletic

Week-end At Kai Tak

The Royal Air Force are staging their annual individual and team Athletic Championships on Saturday, April 16, 1955, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on their first track at Kai Tak. This meeting was originally planned for April 2, 1955, but was rained out.

On the following day the same ground will be used for what should be an attractive Combined Services versus Combined Civilian event.

The Saturday competition is essentially a team event consisting of six teams—R.A.F. Little Sai Wan, R.A.F. Sek Kong, Admin Wing Kai Tak which includes the powerful R.A.F. Mount Davis team, R.A.F. North Point and the 34 Police District, Technical Wing Kai Tak and Flying Wing Kai Tak which includes the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force of which the popular Xavier is a member.

The competition is decided over 18 events including sprint and middle relays and tug-of-war. Additionally there are the popular cycling, veterans' and ladies events.

The entrance to the field is through No. 80 Squadron gate (Spitfire Hangar gate). Clearwater Bay Road, where R.A.F. Police will be on duty to direct cars and pedestrians.

Sunday should see a clash of all that is best in the Colony and with the fast grass track many records are being attempted and people such as Lt. Sweeney, Stephen Xavier, G. W. Petrie, Lin Cheung and M. Curzon should be well worth watching on that day. For all the athletes of Hong Kong who have during the season attained a "Standard" there will be a presentation of medals.

Motor Sports Club Plans Dinner Dance

The Motor Sports Club of Hong Kong is holding a Gala Dinner-Dance at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club starting at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

During the evening trophies and other prizes for the principal events held during the preceding part of the 1954/55 season will be presented to the various winners by Mrs. R. V. Frost.

Music for dancing will be provided by the Band of the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment. In addition it is anticipated that several novelty features will be arranged to suit the occasion by the Dance Committee, as in previous years.

This is the Club's principal social event of the year and all members should make a special point of attending together with their friends. Tables for large parties should be booked as soon as possible with the Hon. Secretary—Mr. B. C. A. Gates—and tickets at \$12 per head may be obtained from all members of the General Committee.

October 1954—A Section: P. V. Hargrave; B Section: B. Harrison; December 1954—A Section: A. G. Dorn; B Section: A. C. Villar; March 1955—A Section: E. M. Waseley; B Section: E. E. Barnett.

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Chinese New Year—C. L. Hill. Presentation of prizes to the winners was made shortly after the completion of Easter Monday's Flag Competition.

HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 13.—Rugby League Results: Blackpool Borough, 11, Salford 9.

SERVICES MATCH: English Services 15, French Services 7. (Played at Leeds).—Reuter.

Elliot Challenges Sullivan

Johannesburg, Apr. 13.—South Africa's Jimmy Elliot is to challenge British Middleweight Champion Johnny Sullivan for the British Empire Middleweight boxing title at Johannesburg on June 11. It was announced here today. —France-Press.

SPORTING SAN

By Reg. Wooditch



TOUCH IS FULL OF LIFE

By JAMES PARK

After having seen so many horses in various stables, it was a pleasant change to go round a small one. Henri Jelliss has only 18 horses in training at the moment, and like all the others in a similar position, will find it difficult to make ends meet.

After a long and successful career as a jockey, Jelliss has made the most of his opportunities as a trainer. His horses are always well turned out, and he is able to give each individual attention.

His main hope is the three-year-old filly, Touch, the property of Mrs. L. Montague.

HIGHLY STRUNG

There is not a lot of Touch, but what there is is good. She may not much more than a little squib as a two-year-old, but how she belied her appearance.

She took part in nine races, won two, was placed five times, and was never out of the first four. She stayed a mile well and never gave up trying.

If all the small trainers had one like Touch, there would be some hope for them. She is by no means the placid type. Rather is she highly

strung and is simply full of life. She may have grown just a little, but is so active she is never likely to put on much flesh.

RIGHT SIZE

I rate her a bit better than her Free Handicap mark of 75. 12lb. and it may be she will take her chance in the race.

The distance might be a bit short for her, but because of her light frame, she might come to hand earlier than some of the heavier ones.

Of the other three-year-olds in the stable I should say most stars is set by Parour Games. The son of Big Game has put on weight and thickened through the body.

He is now a well-balanced colt with good quarters and is just the right size. Parour Games trained off a bit towards the end of his two-year-old career, but is in good heart once more.

His main opportunities are likely to be in handicap company, and his splendid action should enable him to pick up a race or two of that character.

The senior member of the team is the five-year-old Legs Eleven. He has not been an easy subject to train, and could only run five times last year.

He was twice successful and showed a nice turn of finishing speed, as well as sound stamina, when winning over a distance just short of two miles at Hurst Park.

A tall, lightly framed horse, his future will depend on whether he remains sound. If he does he has the ability to pay his way.

The four-year-old Terrington was bought at the December Sales. He managed to win a race in the autumn and his future will depend on whether he can pick up a bit in speed.

It will be over a long course that Terrington is likely to shine. Entrance had a scrappy action as a two-year-old and has run once.

He has shown some improvement this year and is skidding out much better. As he is still an unknown quantity I do not feel qualified to pass an opinion on his ability. As a son of Chamossaire he will probably be racing over longer distances than a mile.

Handsome Prince has a faxen mane and tail. He is now a gelding, but is unlikely to live up to his pedigree. He is a half-brother to that good horse, Souverain, but has not yet given indication of ability.

Silver Rock has also been added to the list of geldings. He has his share of good looks and on more than one occasion displayed speed at home. He did not reproduce it on the racecourse and that is why he was "cut." If he will pay attention to business there would not be any doubt about him winning races.

Thruster is a newcomer, and is blind in one eye. He is a well-made gelding by Persian Gulf out of a Fairway mare, but so far little is known about him.

There should be a winner or two among the two-year-olds. The one I liked best is Royal Blue, a bay filly by Prince Chivalier out of Blue Rage.

A good quartered filly of just the right size, I liked the way Royal Blue moved when I saw her trotting on the straw bed.

WELL BUILT

Duboduck is a sturdily built daughter of Amour Drake and Election. She is a bit tricky just now, but will settle down when she goes into strong work.

The Phidias gelding Cassata is a powerful stamp, deep through the body and level on top. He looks like standing up to any amount of work.

Galloway Mac and Prim Puss are rather small, but there is plenty of Tarakoka, a Krakatoa gelding.

The two-year-olds are not too backward, and it will not be long before some of them are seen on the racecourse. —(London Express Service)

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More Trouble For Australian Olympic Organisers

Melbourne, Apr. 13.

Australian Olympic officials received another setback when the carpenters employed at the cricket stadium announced today that they would resume their strike next Wednesday unless they get pay raises.

"If we don't get the increased rates we're taking I cannot see how the Olympics possibly can be held at Melbourne," said Mr. Donald Woodhouse, Secretary of the Carpenter's Union. "If the Games are held up, it won't be our fault. We're only seeking the rates paid on the open market, including those by a number of American firms operating here."

Mr. Woodhouse has asked Mr. Wilfred Selwyn Kent Hughes, Chairman of the Games Organising Committee, to sanction raises of 23 shillings weekly.

Melbourne newspapers continued to demand that Mr. Kent Hughes and Mr. Edgar Tanner, Secretary of the Organising Committee, resign.

The Organising Committee will hold a special meeting on Friday night to consider the appointment of a full-time Deputy Chairman to supervise preparations for the Games.

The Committee also is expected to appoint six Melbourne businessmen to "apply heat" to the preparations, as suggested by Mr. Brundage—United Press.

England's Team For International Final

The following have been selected to represent England in the International Cup final on Sunday at Caroline Hill kick-off 4.30 p.m.: Lewis (Army), Nash (St. Joseph's), Hayes (Army), Hughes (Police), Crompton (Army), Walters (Army), Gardner (Club), Moss (Police), Morris (Army), Murray (Army), Walsley (Army), Reeves (Army), Chalmers (Army), Toth (RAF).

Team Manager: Capt. W. A. George.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Wales Team To Meet Ireland

Wrexham, Apr. 13.—For the last of the home international soccer matches Wales vs. Ireland at Belfast next Wednesday, April 20, Wales chose their team today and included two new caps. These are Melvyn Charles and Len Allchurch, both of Swansea, and their inclusion provides what is believed to be a unique situation.

This is to have two pairs of brothers in the same international side as John Charles and Ivor Allchurch, trusted representatives of Wales, were already chosen.

Announcing the team the selectors said they took into consideration the fact that Manchester City are in the Cup final and so did not wish to embarrass the club by asking for right-half Paul and outside left Clarke. These are the positions taken over by the two new players.

Wales, who lost their two earlier engagements, need to win this match to leave bottom place in the international table. If Ireland win they would overtake Scotland (with whom they drew on goal average) and run up to England, who have already won the championship.

Kelsey, who was unfit for the match against England when Wales almost saved the game, returns to the team, which is: Kelsey (Arsenal), Williams (West Bromwich) and Sherwood (Cardiff City); Captain: Melvyn Charles (Swansea Town); Daniels (Sunderland) and Sullivan (Cardiff); Tapscott (Arsenal), Ford (Cardiff City), John Charles (Leeds United), Ivor Allchurch (Swansea Town) and Len Allchurch (Swansea Town). —China Mail Special.

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Thomas Cuppers Back In Colony

The Colony Thomas Cup team which went to Bombay to meet India in the Asian Zone Thomas Cup final and was defeated, returned to the Colony yesterday by BOAC from Bangkok.

Mr. Thomas Young, who reported to Kai Tak that they were not used to playing under such hot weather conditions and that had the team been there longer and become acclimatised they would have given a better show.

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THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



TABLE TENNIS

Zarko Dolinar Stands Supreme In English Open Championships

By ERIC NICHOLLS

The 29th English 'Open' Table Tennis Championships are over. The lights of Wembley's Empire Pool are dimmed. But not the memories. Out of the triumphs and failures, the shocks and surprises, which made this one of the most talked about championships for years, one man stood supreme. His name? Zarko Dolinar of Yugoslavia, the new singles title holder.

HE CAME determined to win. HE SAW other champions topple. HE remained to CONQUER. Let's turn the clock back to Saturday night, April 2. There, in the centre of the vast arena, the lights and movie cameras spotlighting him for 7,000 pairs of eyes, stands Zarko Dolinar, champion of Yugoslavia and Scandinavia, World's Doubles title holder and former English Doubles Champion.

Facing him in this singles semi-final is England's Johnny

Leach, twice a World Champion. Dolinar serving. Love all. But not for long. The Yugoslav finds gaps in Leach's defence. Almost at half speed Dolinar takes the first game at 21-16.

COMMANDING LEAD On to the second. Dolinar builds up a commanding lead. It looks as though nothing can stop him now. But Leach is putting up a great back to the wall fight. Defence alone is no use against Dolinar's forehand attack.

The Englishman realises this, and hits back. He catches Dolinar off balance for a moment, and pulls up to level the scores at 20-all. Twenty-one all, then two cracking drives win Dolinar the game.

But Leach isn't finished. With the crowd cheering every point, he smashes through Dolinar's guard to 21-17 and 21-18 wins. Two games all. The sweat drips from Dolinar's eye shield. Leach's shirt is soaked. All is silent. Only the plop plop of Dolinar's sponge, and the ping pong of Leach's orthodox rubber break the stillness.

Leach is tiring. He wilts before Dolinar's terrific onslaughts, and away go five invaluable points. He pulls back. But it is too late. Dolinar takes the game and match at 21-16. Then with next to no trouble, he defeats Monsieur Roothoof of France in three straight games to win the final.

Dolinar's large frame relaxes. He smiles for the first time. And the man who is a killer at the table, goes back to being just Dr. Dolinar, veterinary surgeon and University lecturer, back to curing sickness in the animals he loves.

MYSTERY UNVEILED Personalities there were in plenty at Wembley. A "mystery man" from Czechoslovakia, an Australian with the most unorthodox grip in the world, and an American lady with the most feminine shorts ever to grace the English 'Open'. This tournament had them all.

Everyone wanted to see Ludovic Vihnanovsky. For he was the mystery seed, the player nobody knew anything about. It turned out that his seeding was an error. But he proved worthy of it.

Six feet plus, and with a reach like a giraffe, this 28-year-old, who looked 18, soon endeared himself to the fans. They admired his head-gear, similar to a rugby scrum cap. More particularly they admired his backhand flick, and forehand smash which left his opponents gasping on the way to the last 16. He went out to American Dick Miles, conqueror of Richard Bergmann in the U.S. final.

LAUGHING BOY, LOU The real live character of the show, was Australian Lou Laza. This stocky 28-year-old professional cricketer, who plays table tennis "just to keep in trim," changed over to sponge this year and became the first Australian ever to win an 'Open' title in England, when he took the North West Kent singles earlier this year.

But it is not the sponge so much as the grip which intrigues and baffles opponents. Lou calls it the "Crab Grip". His fingers are round the edge of the bat, and his thumb on the centre of the back. He never grips the handle. And all because he picked the bat up off the table one day in that manner, liked the feel of it, and has never changed back.

For one who plays the game just for fun, Lou has had plenty of successes. He was runner-up in the Australian championships of 1953, and holder of the doubles title in 1951, '52, and '53. He has recently returned from an exhibition tour with Alec Brook, former English Swaythling Cup star. Now he is off to represent Australia in the World Championships in Holland.

But the man from Sydney will be back. England wouldn't be quite the same without the broad Australian drawl, and cheerful smile of Lou Laza.

THOSE GLAMOUR PANTS! If it is glamour you wanted, then you needed only to look as far as the American camp, Mrs. Leah Neuberger, New York housewife, and winner of over 400 trophies, almost set Wembley alight with a pair of bright orange shorts, split down the sides and tied up with bows.

The U.S. Women's Champion, did not stop at that. She wore a specially made ring, with platinum band, and 24 diamonds in the shape of crossed table tennis bats.

Flash? Crowd pulling? "No, just unusual," was Leah's comment. "I like to be different. Naturally some people don't approve. I just like bright colours."

But if the shorts caused controversy, particularly among the women competitors, there were as many for us against. "They are the most feminine pair of shorts I have ever seen here. Shorts are naturally masculine. It makes a pleasant change to see something like this."

(London Express Service)



Zarko Dolinar, winner of the English 'Open' singles title. Dolinar beat R. Roothoof of France 21-15, 21-12, 21-13, in the final. His toughest hurdle was in the semi-finals in which he beat England's Johnny Leach 21-16, 23-21, 17-21, 12-21, 21-16. Dolinar also holds the Yugoslav and Scandinavian titles, the world doubles and is a former English doubles champion.—London Express Photo.



Lou Laza, 29-year-old Australian table tennis star, demonstrates his "crab grip", the most unorthodox grip in the world. A professional cricketer, Lou plays table tennis "just to keep in trim." By winning the North West Kent singles he became the first Australian to win an 'Open' title in England. He is representing Australia in the world championships in Holland.—London Express Photo.



Ludovic Vihnanovsky, was the mystery seed at the English 'Open' table tennis championships. But he was far from being a mystery after the championships. His terrific backhand flick and forehand smash took him to the last sixteen when he went out to American Dick Miles, conqueror of Richard Bergmann in the final of the U.S. championships. — London Express Photo.

BOGART JOINS HOLLYWOOD'S MILLIONAIRES CLUB

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills. With the sale this week of his independent movie company, Santana Productions to Columbia Studios for more than one million dollars, Humphrey Bogart joined the Millionaires Club of Hollywood.

Despite the fabulous salaries film stars get, or earn if you like, there are less than 10 who are millionaires. Here are some of them: Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Fred MacMurray, Gary Cooper, John Wayne, Irene Dunne, Claudette Colbert, Mary Pickford, Harold Lloyd and the exile from Hollywood, Charles Chaplin. (Last three are not active).

By the end of this year, James Stewart will be in the group. His partnership deal with Universal pays enormous dividends.

What? Bogart going to do with his million? "We'll finish furnishing the house. Couldn't afford to up to now," said Bogart with a grin. "Er—and new suits for the Santana. Pay off a lot of bills."

Burt Lancaster wants him to co-star in "Elephant Bill," a story about the unregenerate hero of a British lumber company in Burma. The Bogart character, as sardonic as the Cockney fireman in "The African Queen." Says Bogey, "These offers are very flattering. We'll see. First I do 'The Left Hand of God,' another story of an unregenerate character."

Will Ava Gardner and Frank Sinatra co-star in "St. Louis Woman" when she returns from Pakistan and "Bhowani Junction"? Mr. Sinatra says he hasn't read the script, so he doesn't know.

And what about Marilyn Monroe, you ask? Her last film, "The Seven Year Itch," was previewed in Oakland, 500 miles from Hollywood.

Her dressing-room at the studio is open for her, any time she cares to return.

Look for Joan Fontaine to play the wife of Eddie Duchin in "The Eddie Duchin Story" at Columbia.

"If your wife insists on learning to drive the car," says Red Skelton, "For Heaven's sake, don't stand in her way!"

One of Hollywood's leading doctors left for a well-deserved holiday and someone asked, "But what will happen to all his patients?" "Oh, they'll all recover," another doctor replied.

Rumour only—Doris Day and her husband, Marty Melcher, may make a film of "The Sleeping Prince" which Laurence

Oliver and Vivien Leigh did on the stage. Doris hopes to be in London within a month, and hopes she'll enjoy the famous English spring.

I met bouncy Betty Hutton shopping in Beverly Hills. "I'm getting some clothes for Florida. Oh, boy, I'm glad to be working again," said Betty, eyes bright, smiling, and in a rush as usual.

MALTESE TENOR Lunch with Oreste Kirkop is spasmodic. People stop at his table in the Paramount canteen, chat with the Maltese tenor who is co-starring with Kathryn Grayson in "The Vagabond King."

"I hope to return to London when this is finished. I owe Covent Garden two months' work," Kirkop explained. "They let me come to Hollywood almost a year ago before the end of my contract with them and I must repay them for it."

I listened to two of his songs in the recording booth. His voice is superb and I think he'll be a hit in the USA when the operetta is released. Reminds me, Mario Lanza is getting in form at Palm Springs. No escapes. On a strict regime. Behaving himself.

"I would like to co-star Cary Grant and Marlon Brando in 'The Pride and the Passion,' based on C.S. Forester's book 'The Gun.' Stanley Kramer said to me over a cup of tea at the old Chaplin Studios where he is editing 'Not As A Stranger' 'The Gun' is a real gem."

Rightly is about the Peninsular Wars—Wellington versus Napoleon. Kramer wants to film it in Spain. Laudable ambition.

UNUSUAL VISITORS DEPT. Seven water buffaloes arrived recently from Honolulu. They will work in C.B. De Mille's "Ten Commandments." There were none available in Hollywood. With them came a trainer and water-buffalo expert, Paul Breeze, director of the Honolulu Zoo.

Advice to those over 40 from Dick Powell: Don't learn to ski. He and June Allyson went to Sun Valley. He took some ski-lessons and broke his shoulder, wrenched an ankle. He's home in casts.

Three Oscar nominees are neighbours: Judy Garland, Bing

and H. Bogart. They all live on Mapleton Drive, Beverly Hills.

LEASE-LEND-BILL "Mr. Belvedere" may be revived on television. Twentieth C. Fox is considering Belvedere as a TV series with Clifton Webb, of course. And Robert Mitchum and Kirk Douglas are talking of a lease-lend deal. Doing films for each other's independent companies.

Danny Kaye has a "score" derriere. He did falls for three days in comedy sequences for "The Court Jester" and in "CinemaScope," you cannot see doubles, and as Danny wears tight and doublets, he couldn't even pad his bottom. I saw a sequence. It's funny and worth the bruises, I told him.

I like Glenn Ford's "forthright" comments: "Other stars can be producers. I find it hard enough just being an actor. When you are a freelance player, you get all kinds of deals and offers, most of them with a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow but not one in ten with a good story, a great screenplay or this movie will do you good."

"It's always—just do this for us on a deferment and we'll set you up for life. Rubbish. Just give me a good screenplay."

Glenn's last two films, which I have seen privately, are good for him, "Interrupted Melody" and "The Blackboard Jungle."

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New York, Apr. 13.

Robin Roberts of the Phillies, pitching redhot July type baseball on a cold, damp April day, subdued the World Champion Giants 4-2 today after holding them hitless until one man was out in the ninth before 13,219 opening day fans at Philadelphia.

Alvin Dark was the "spoiler" when he singled to right field to deprive the 28-year-old Roberts of the honour of becoming the first pitcher to hurl a no-hit, no-run game on opening day since Bob Feller of Cleveland did so in 1940.

Monte Irvin and Hank Thompson also collected hits in the ninth as the Giants rallied. For their only two runs, but Harvey Kuenn tied the score with a homer in the third and the Tigers added three more runs before the inning was over. Boston at Baltimore, only other game scheduled, was postponed because of threatening weather.

Australians Beat Japanese Amateur Cyclists Tokyo, Apr. 13. Three Australian cyclists, Barry Fry, Frank Brazier, and Dick Ploog, now visiting Japan, today dominated all events in the second of a series of good-will amateur races against Japanese cyclists at Otsu, near Kyoto, western Japan.

Ploog was first in 1 min. 15.3 seconds in the 1,000 metre time trial race. This is a new Japan international record. Brazier was third in 1 min. 17.8 seconds. In the 1,000 metre scratch race Fry won in 13 seconds flat in the first run. In the second run he also defeated the Japanese in the time of 13.1 seconds.

PITCHING DUEL Erskine and Max Surkont were involved in a tight pitching duel, until Junior Gilliam's seventh inning homer snapped a 1-0 tie. Pee Wee Reese then doubled and after a walk, a long fly ball and a squeeze bunt by Jackie Robinson brought Reese across. Furillo smashed his homer. Duke Snider enjoyed a perfect opening day with three hits in as many official times up.

The Detroit Tigers presented Bucky Harris with the 2,000th victory of his managerial career by swamping Kansas City 10-2.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

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DEATHS

KO-KO Ho Ning, aged 71, passed away peacefully at his residence, 516, The Peak, Hong Kong, at 8 a.m. on April 13, 1955. The corpse will leave his residence at 1 p.m. on Saturday April 16, 1955 and pass West Hill Tunnel, Pokfulam Road, at about 2 p.m. Interment at Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Aberdeen. No flowers by request. Donations to charity.

RUMIAHN-Sheik Mohamed, aged 67 years, passed away at Queen Mary Hospital, April 14, 1955. Funeral at Mortuary, Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m. today.

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Berlin, Apr. 13.
The Committee of Free Jurists, composed of former East German lawyers now fighting Communism from West Berlin, has been probing the secrets of the East German Government's statistical office.

The Committee's information, based on reports from officials who have fled to the West, is usually counter-balanced several times before publication.

The statistical office, in East Berlin, pours out a voluminous stream of figures purporting to show the progress of production, productivity, and finance. Unlike similar Government offices in the West, however, it does not publish absolute figures—only percentages and indices, never related to a base figure, stating weight, value, hours or some other recognizable unit of measurement.

ECONOMIC SABOTAGE

East German courts frequently sentence people to long terms of imprisonment for divulging the kind of absolute figures which the statistical office tries to keep secret. The courts define this as "economic sabotage."

The Free Jurists report that the statistical office employs 420 hand-picked Communist party veterans who work behind doors which no one may enter without specific authorization. Its director is not allowed to publish any statistical information without authority from the powerful State Planning Commission, which is directly controlled by the politbureau of the Communist party and the Cabinet.

The Free Jurists say economic statistics are gathered first in the monthly reports of all factories and farm co-operatives. The reports go to the district statistical offices, where they are co-ordinated under various headings and passed on to the main office in East Berlin.

There, the 420 statisticians make a final analysis for the whole country. This is issued only in one single copy, which goes to the State Planning Commission. The Commission alone has the right to make copies and send them with safeguards—numbering, receipts and several counter-checks—to Ministries.

While the report is being prepared at the statistical office, all material is placed in wooden boxes which the departmental chief must look personally every night. He looks on while the locked boxes are taken down to the vaults.

The Free Jurists say that the "nightmare" of all the statisticians is the quarterly report because the State Planning Commission demands that this, though based on the true figures, must show a basically optimistic trend. The quarterly reports are submitted to the Cabinet.

A PURPOSE

According to the Free Jurists, every single economic report ever published by the state has had a political or economic purpose. None has ever been made purely to inform the public of the facts.

There is a bewildering variety of base years, periods, and units in the economic and statistical reports. There is never any explanation why in one case 1938 and in another 1936 is used as the comparative previous year.

Typical of the statistical maze, devoid of facts ascertainable in known measure or weight, was an eight-hour speech by Herr Walter Ulbricht, chief secretary of the Communist Party, last year. It bristled with figures showing stupendous rises.

But, the Free Jurists ask, what is the meaning, for instance, of a table for industrial

production showing 1929 as the base year of 100 units and 183.5 units for 1953? What production is meant? How was the 1929 figure comparable with 1953 when there was one Germany with different borders in 1929 against a truncated East Germany in 1953? What do the units signify—monetary value, weights or items?

Why does Ulbricht pick 1929 as the base year for this table, while choosing 1934-38 as the basic period for a table showing agricultural productivity per hectare? Ulbricht switches again when dealing with the turnover of consumer goods. Here his base year is 1950 and he speaks only in percentages, counting turnover in the base year as 100 per cent.

ANOTHER SWITCH
In a detailed analysis of industrial production, he is back to 1936 as base year, using percentages and, this time, monetary value. But he does not say how he relates the present east mark to the pre-war Reichsmark.

The only absolute production figures he gives are those for iron ore, raw iron, steel, and rolled steel in 1947. He makes it impossible to relate these to the percentages he gives in the other all-embracing table, because there the year 1947 is omitted.—China Mail Special.



Pope Blesses Congress

Members of the Anti-Accident World Congress, holding their meetings in Rome, were received by the Pope who gave them his benediction.

Picture shows: The President of the Congress, Signor Mastino Del Rio, kneeling before the Pope (nearest camera), during the benediction at the Vatican.—Express Photo.

Mail Notices

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Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.

PASSPORT FORGERS ARRESTED

Cairo, Apr. 13.

The police authorities here today announced the arrest of 12 members of an international ring engaged in the manufacture of forged passports.

The announcement said these passports were designed to help people residing in Egypt to smuggle capital out of the country into Switzerland.

The arrests included, the announcement said, a Greek Orthodox priest, who provided false christening certificates, a Turkish businessman, and an official of the Egyptian Passport Office who provided the necessary exit visas.—France-Press.

FARM WORKERS MAY STRIKE

London, Apr. 13.
Guerilla strikes by British farm workers to support their claim for a 27 a week minimum will be proposed on Saturday at the National Union of Agricultural Workers Conference at Warwick.

The resolution to this effect tabled today suggested that highly organised areas should be selected for these strikes "at a vulnerable time of the year."—China Mail Special.

Cocoa Is Political Headache To A Premier

Accra, Apr. 13.

Cocoa is the life-blood of the Gold Coast, that oblong-shaped country on the West Coast of Africa, which is the home of nearly 5,000,000 Africans.

But if the visitor wants to see cocoa growing, he has to leave the main, shimmering tarred roads, along which cars and lorries travel as fast as their engines can race, and walk through the bush.

From the road, the countryside, usually undulating, sometimes hilly, looks green and uninhabited. There seem to be no cleared areas, just bushes and small trees broken by very tall cottonwood trees.

But all over that countryside are small villages which cannot be seen from the road. And in those villages are found the farmers and hunters, the sons of many generations who have lived in the same villages and off the same land.

QUITE ISOLATED

The labourers, and those farmers who run their own farms, often live in villages quite isolated from such things as roads, water and electricity.

They may have to walk four or five miles to the nearest motor road.

Their women, with old oil drums or petrol tins balanced gracefully on their heads, spend hours a day going to the nearest river or stream.

When the sun sinks with the speed of an express train every evening about six o'clock, the hurricane lamp or candle is the only illumination in the village. The farmer's house, oblong or square in shape, is made of mud or wattle, thatched with tough grass or, sometimes, corrugated iron.

When the cocoa pods are ripe, whole families go out into the bush to help collect them. Then they are split open and cocoa beans taken out and laid to dry. They are sorted, to take out any beans which are mouldy or have been attacked by weevils and are then bagged into 60-lb loads.

Buying is done by commercial firms and a Government organisation called the Cocoa Purchasing Company, but final price to be paid is laid down each year by the Cocoa Marketing Board. The Board arranges shipment to the various buying countries chiefly England and the United States.

ADVANCES

So from Ashanti, 150 miles from the coast and the richest cocoa growing area in the country, and from Togoland and other areas, the cocoa is taken by lorry and train to the ships. Most farmers receive advances earlier in the year against their crops, but a lot of money is still paid out during the season.

The farmer gets 72 shillings a load for his cocoa and he may pay about 20 shillings of this to the labourer who, in addition, is allowed to live on the farm and cultivate a small patch of land for his family's needs.

The world selling price of cocoa is about three times the figure paid to the farmer. Part of the difference goes to the Cocoa Marketing Board, which uses it to build up a reserve against possible slumps in the world price and also to finance projects, such as research, and a movement for an increase in the cocoa price paid to the farmer.

The rest goes to the Government in taxation.

Both the Government and the Marketing Board receive millions of pounds from cocoa each year. Recently, the Government has moved for an increase in the cocoa price paid to the farmer. It has developed into a strong opposition movement, backed by some chiefs in Ashanti, and now has matters other than the cocoa price in its programme.

MAJOR PROBLEM

It presents a major political headache for the Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, and his Convention People's Party.

The price of cocoa causes other problems. Over the border from British Togoland, in French Togoland, the French pay twice as much for a load. So cocoa, carried by the heads of long lines of Africans, guarded by tough men with guns and machetes, is taken by bush tracks over the border at night while, often, the police have to look on, powerless to prevent it.

Again, cocoa is attacked by many diseases, chief among them being black pod and swollen shoot. Large areas have been devastated by swollen shoot, a disease carried by the mealy bug, which makes a tree fall off in production year after year until it withers and dies.

By the end of this season, about 215,000 tons of cocoa will have been exported by the Gold Coast. Tetteh Quashie, the African who brought cocoa to the Gold Coast from the West Indies towards the end of the last century, would have been amazed at the results of his small experiment.—China Mail Special.

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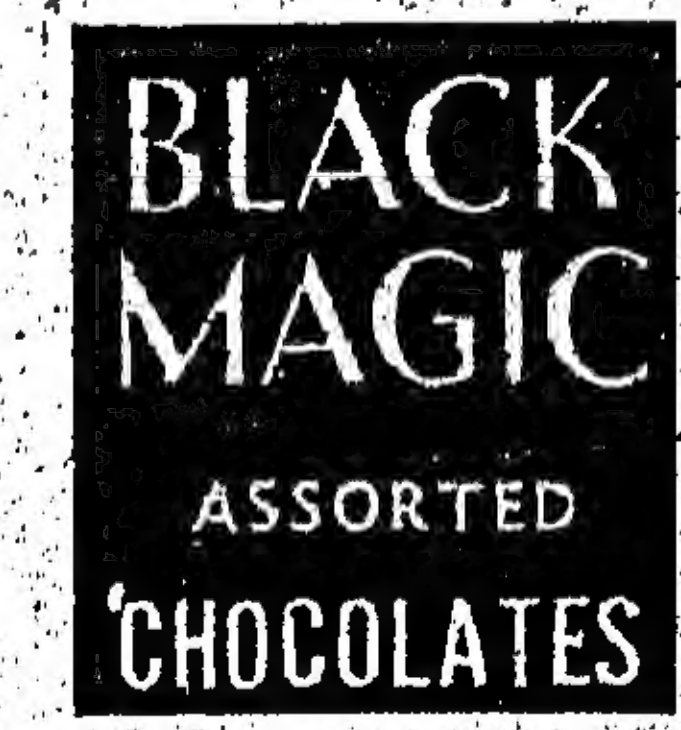
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BAILEY GRANTED \$5,000 BAIL Given One Week To Prepare His Appeal Case FULL COURT'S DECISION

The Full Court this morning granted bail of \$5,000 to Albert Francis Bailey, 34, merchant, to enable him to prepare his appeal against conviction on three counts of larceny for which he was sentenced to nine months by Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Acting Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions on January 27 last.

The Full Court which comprised Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief Justice) and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (Puisne Judge) fixed April 22 and 25 for the hearing of the appeal.

Bailey's application for three witnesses principally concerned in the libel hearing was refused by the Court.

Gold Medal Sought For Dr Salk

Washington, Apr. 13.
The U.S. Congress was asked today to honour Dr Jonas Salk with a gold medal for his discovery of the anti polio virus vaccine.

A bill authorizing the Treasury to coin a medal with suitable inscriptions was presented in the House of Representatives by Mr Steven Berman, (Republican, New York).

He told a reporter he had no doubt it would be approved by both the House and the Senate—Reuter.

Three Years For Picking A Pocket

A pickpocket was sentenced to three years by Judge J. Reynolds at Kowloon District Court this morning for taking a fountain pen from a pedestrian in Shanghai Street on February 28.

The accused Leung Yee, 40, has six previous convictions for similar offences and two for loitering.

Defendant is a deportee. He was caught red-handed by a police constable No. 4097. Lo Yung-sum who had the accused under observation because of his suspicious manner.

The sentence is to commence from the date of defendant's arrest.

HK EXPORTS CANARD

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Zealand importer to send copies of any design he liked so that they could be "faithfully reproduced" for him in Japan.

This was indisputable proof, said Mr Lord, that the Japanese, despite their recent undertaking to wipe out "pirating" were still ready to copy British designs. "If they are pulled up," he said, "they simply say they are producing what the customer wants."

The case has been reported to the British Board of Trade.

Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government London Office, said today he was lodging a strong protest with the newsreel company.

In the meantime he pointed out that it was perfectly legitimate for Hongkong firms to import nylon cloth from Japan and make it up into finished garments for export as "Empire products" provided they observed the imperial preference regulation that at least 25 per cent of the cost of the article must be incurred in the Commonwealth.

MORE ESCAPEES RECAPTURED

Nairobi, Apr. 13.
Ten of 19 Mau Mau who escaped from Marany detention camp between here and Mombasa during the weekend have now been recaptured, police stated today.

Unconfirmed reports said two more were shot dead.

Three of the men were caught on a Sisal estate, near the Tanganyika border—China Mail Special.

Mr Rea said that Bailey was on \$5,000 bail. He asked if appellant could be made to undertake to be of good behaviour, under order of the learned Trial Judge which presumably was to commence after appellant was released from jail. The order of the learned Trial Judge was that at the end of his sentence Bailey was to enter into his own recognisance for \$1,000 and to find a surety of \$1,000 in default of which he was to serve another year in prison. Mr Rea asked if appellant could be asked to give a similar undertaking while he was on bail. Counsel further suggested that Bailey might surrender his passport during this period.

WANTED MORE TIME
Bailey asked the Court to consider his application for the time allowed him to prepare the appeal to be increased. He understood Crown Counsel to say the time was one week.

The Chief Justice said that the Court had already set aside April 22 and April 25 for the appeal.

To Bailey's "Could I have a longer period, my Lords," the Chief Justice replied in the negative.

Bailey said he did not think he could possibly file the papers in that time.

His Lordship said he was not trying to argue with appellant. He said that appellant suffered from a great desire to express himself at far too great length. He told Bailey that when he filed his grounds of appeal— which he must do within a time which the Court would specify, say three or four days, so that the Crown could see what they were— he must keep them in as short a form as possible. He said he would give Bailey an example of this from his own affidavit which he had filed, and his Lordship read paragraph 19 thereof.

'100 Different Grounds'

The Chief Justice said that in his grounds of appeal Bailey could express that in about a line or so.

Bailey said if he was given time he believed he could, "but I have something like 100 different grounds and I have to express them and I have to look up the law."

The Chief Justice: "If you say you have something like 100 grounds— you are talking absolute nonsense."

Bailey said that if his Lordship would read through the notes of the trial he would appreciate there were many grounds.

His Lordship said that he had read through appellant's affidavit and a considerable portion of the notes of the trial, and if Bailey said he had 100 grounds then he was proposing to embark on a time wasting campaign.

Bailey assured the Court that it was not his intention.

BAILEY'S ASSURANCE

His Lordship said that Bailey would not be permitted to and the dates fixed were the ones which the Court had indicated.

In answer to the Court, Bailey said it could be arranged for bail in the same amount as previously, to be put up. He was also willing to undertake that during the interim period from now to the time of the hearing of the appeal he would be of good behaviour and would not repeat any of the libels with which he was charged.

Bailey was directed to deposit his passport with the Registrar of the Supreme Court as a condition of his bail.

Regarding Bailey's application for three witnesses to be called—the three main persons concerned—his Lordship said the Court would not allow it at any rate at the present juncture.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mrs. Bunts just gave me a brilliant idea how you can get a raise, George—her husband told his boss he didn't need the job!"

DRIVER'S APPEAL DISMISSED

An appeal against his conviction on a summons for driving a public vehicle without due care and caution at Taiipo Railway Bridge, Taiipo, New Territories, on September 24, 1954, was brought by Chang Fat, licensed driver, before Mr J. Wicks in the Appeal Court this morning. The appeal was dismissed.

Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr F. H. Loseby, of Messrs Russ and Co., appeared for appellant. He said the case against appellant was heard on March 4 this year, when he was convicted by Mr D. E. Greenfield, fined \$100 and had his licence endorsed and disqualified from driving for one month. Appellant was a professional driver with a clean record and 20 years' driving experience.

According to the evidence, a Police Land Rover was being driven by Police Cpl Ahmed Din from Kowloon to Fanling about 3 a.m. on September 24 with Probationary Sub-Inspector Charles Smith as passenger.

At the bend near Taiipo Railway Bridge, the appellant was alleged to have attempted to overtake though he was signalled to slow-down by the Police driver.

His drew level with the Land Rover but subsequently dropped back as the vehicle neared the bridge.

Mr Gittins disputed the wording of the summons which stated that the offence took place at the Railway Bridge. He also drew attention to the ambiguity of signals, saying that the slow-down and overtake signals were easily confused, especially at night. Counsel handed up to the Court a copy of the English Highway Code and a copy of a pamphlet issued by the Hongkong Police which he said incorporated the signals given in the English Code.

Whether the signal given by the Police driver to appellant was to slow down or overtake, Mr Gittins submitted it was not improper for appellant to have pulled out from behind the vehicle ahead and prepare to pass if he considered it was safe to do so. Far from disobeying the Police signal, Counsel contended the appellant took heed of it.

HONGKONG ROPE CO. Dividend

At a Board meeting held this morning, the Directors of The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. decided to recommend at the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders, payment subject to audit, of a dividend of \$1 per share, free of tax.

DROPPED BACK

There was no question of him getting in front of the Land Rover. By drawing level with it he was making an exploratory move and when he found he could not overtake before the bridge was reached, he dropped back without risk or inconvenience to anyone. Counsel submitted there was no evidence of careless driving, either at the bend or at the bridge.

Hussein's Wedding Next Week

Amman, Apr. 13.
Princess Dina Abdel arrived by air tonight to prepare for her wedding next Tuesday to her 14-year-old cousin, King Hussein of Jordan.

The 23-year-old Princess brought with her a 22,000 Venice lace wedding gown and trousseau for her wedding in the red and white marble Zahra Palace overlooking Amman.

King Hussein met his future Queen, who was accompanied by her parents, at the airport. Members of his Cabinet were with him—Reuter.

Caught With False Trademark Watches: Man Is Fined \$300

"The Swiss Watchmakers' Guild consider Hongkong to be the world's centre for the nefarious business of applying false trademarks on watches of reputable manufacture," remarked Mr R. F. G. Dennis in the course of outlining the Prosecution's case against a man summonsed for possession of 50 watches bearing false trademarks.

The proprietor of the Yee On Watch company, of 223 Queen's Road Central, pleaded guilty to two summonses before Mr J. E. Durling at Central this morning.

Following the outline of facts by Mr Dennis of Bruton and Co., who conducted the private prosecution on behalf of 1, Shiro (China) Ltd., and 2, Lap Heng Co Ltd., of Marina House, defendant was fined \$150 on each summons and the watches were ordered to be confiscated.

Mr Dennis also asked for costs to be awarded to the prosecution who he said, had gone through untold expense to bring about the detection of the defendant.

The Magistrate refused the request saying that he had no intention of subsidising the private investigators employed by the prosecuting firms.

"There is such a thing as public prosecution," he said.

Mr Dennis replied that the Police had not the facilities to cope with cases of this nature and therefore they rarely succeeded in obtaining convictions.

CLIENTS WORRY
In regard to the order for confiscation Mr Dennis said that his clients were worried that the watches might be put up for public auction—the usual procedure.

Mr Durling said that he doubted Government would do that with forged goods but made a note that the watches were not to be auctioned without previous obliteration of the trademarks.

The summonses alleged that defendant's firm had in their possession in March this year 25 wrist watches for the purpose of trade bearing the false trade description "Sandox" (with crest device) and 25 wrist watches with the false trade mark "Oval".

A search, said Mr Dennis, was conducted on March 29 and all the watches were seized.

He explained that the term "false trade description" was used for the mark "Sandox" in fact, the crown device was a registered trademark but the

word Sandox, the name of the factory manufacturing the watches, was still pending registration.

Mr Dennis emphasised that the watches were in every respect inferior to the genuine article. "The watch cases themselves are of poor local manufacture, as are the dials, and the movements in all the watches are of cheap Swiss manufacture."

Stressing the gravity of defendant's offence, Mr Dennis said that Hongkong was being more and more abused from many quarters by trade malpractices and particularly in the case of watches.

The Magistrate pointed out that defendant was not accused of forgery, but Mr Dennis maintained that bogus watch dealers were an essential link and that the actual forgers were almost impossible to catch.

He admitted knowing that "trouble might arise" if he were caught but he was assured by his prospective buyer that the watches would be sold outside of the Colony.

He asked to be dealt with leniently since he was running a small business and had a family to support.

A man who was charged with defendant for a similar offence pleaded not guilty to the summons through Mr G. E. S. Stevenson, of Stewart and Co., and dates for hearing were fixed.

Mr Dennis told the Court that Mr D. A. L. Wright would appear to prosecute on the dates, July 15-20—this afternoon.

TRIED TO VICTIMISE CONSTABLE

For demanding money with menaces, three unemployed public officers, three unemployed men were sentenced to six months each by Mr H. H. B. How at Kowloon this morning.

Defendants were Low Chau-yiu, 30 of an unnumbered hut Pak Tin Village; Lee Tak, 40 of an unnumbered hut Kowloon Tsi Village; and Fung Sang 34 of Wanchai Road. All pleaded guilty to demanding \$45 from Chan Hak-sing and impersonating themselves as Sanitary Department collectors.

Det. Sub-Inspr P. J. Clancy told the Court that on March 6, defendants went to 75 Fuk Wing Street, second floor, the residence of the aunt of complainant Chan Hak-sing, who is a police constable. Defendants demanded \$45 to refrain from pulling down a new partition erected on the veranda.

Complainant gave the men \$5 but they said it was not enough. Chan then told them he would go and borrow some money. Outside the house complainant dialled 999 and the Police arrived and arrested defendants.

Five Months For Stealing

Leung Fat alias Leung On, 33, shop foki, was sentenced to five months' imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for stealing \$1,025.

The summons alleged that defendant was employed as an assistant in a shop in Cheong Chau. In the morning of November 10 last year the master of the shop noticed the door of his safe was open. He found some money had been taken. Inquiry revealed that the defendant had disappeared from Cheong Chau early the same morning.

On April 7 the defendant was arrested when he came back from Macao with only 30 cents left in his pocket. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Delegates From Conference

The three members of the French Medical Mission to the Kyoto Medical Conference arrived here by PAA plane this morning from Japan. They are Prof. L. Justin-Besancon, Prof. Valette and Dr. Andre Bourguignon.

The three doctors were met by the French Consul, Viscount Jacques Soreac de Buzon.

They will be giving a lecture in French at the Alliance Francaise, French Bank Building at 5.30 p.m. today and another one in English at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow in the Department of Medicine, University of Hongkong.

Death Of Mr Rumjahn

The death occurred early this morning at Queen Mary Hospital of Mr Sheikh Mohammed Rumjahn, an old and respected member of the Moslem community.

Rumjahn who was 67, is survived by two sons (Mr S. M. Rumjahn and Mr K. M. Rumjahn, both of the H.K. Electric Company) and a daughter, Mrs Ismail Ali.

The funeral will take place at the Mohammedan Cemetery at 5.30 p.m. today.

FINED \$200

For failing to comply with conditions imposed by the Immigration Office, Lie Bus 45, was fined \$200 by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The prosecuting officer said the defendant arrived in the Colony on February 25 and was permitted by the Immigration Office to stay until March 25. He was called to the Immigration Office yesterday and was charged.

American Citizenship Restored To Wronged War Bride

Boston, Apr. 13.
The US Circuit Court of Appeals today, in effect, returned to a French war bride the American citizenship taken from her because of alleged Communist Party membership.

The court overruled a US district court decision involving Mrs Amenoubi Bagdasarian, 28, of Northbridge, Massachusetts, the wife of a former soldier. The couple have two children.

Mrs Bagdasarian, whose maiden name was Derillan, was born in Salonika, Greece, but was taken to France when she was nine months old. She never acquired French citizenship. She lived in a suburb of Paris.

Federal Judge George C. Sweeney revoked Mrs Bagdasarian's citizenship in July 1952 when she failed to appear at a hearing to answer charges she concealed Communist Party membership when she was naturalised in 1949.

A year later, Mrs Bagdasarian appeared before Judge Sweeney and denied the allegation. The Judge was told that her husband, Jerry, signed a Communist Party membership card for himself and one for her, without her knowledge.

However, Judge Sweeney refused to restore citizenship because she appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

MOTOR CYCLE CATCHES FIRE

A motor cycle caught fire while taking on petrol at a filling station in Waterloo Road this morning. The fire was quickly put out by the attendants and damage to the motor cycle was slight.